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# **Used book** sale

The Friends of the Northville District Library will offer bargains on thousands of volumes at their Fall Used Book Sale Nov. 1-4 at the Library. The preview sale, for Friends members only, will take place from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Members and anyone signing up for a membership will be allowed into the sale.

There will be bag sales every day of the sale, including the Friends night, for \$5. Bags will be provided at the sale or you can bring your own bag.

The sale will be open to the general public on Friday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hardback books will be \$1, and paperbacks will be 50 cents.

The sale will continue on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the sale will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 1-3 p.m.

All books offered for sale will be displayed indoors.

# Local woman appointed

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Northville's Joanne Dawley to the Michigan Women's Commission, a 15-member board that works to improve the

# **Trustee candidates share** concerns about township's future

#### By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

If voters in Northville Township are looking for differences in the five candidates vying for four Trustee seats on the township board, they may be disappointed. If you ask each of the candidates why they are running, they will pretty much tell you the same reasons.

Each is concerned about the future of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Sev-

en Mile, and wants to make sure the township stays within its means as the property is developed. The candidates also see a need to diversify the tax base, and hope that the township is able to do this with the newly acquired former Scott Prison property on Beck Road. And each wants to maintain the excellent quality of life township residents have come to enjoy.

The August primary election already determined that Bob Nix will replace the outgoing Mark

Abbo as supervisor, current Trustee Marjorie Banner will replace longtime Treasurer Richard Henningsen, and Sue Hillebrand will continue to serve as clerk. Four Republicans emerged from the primary election - incumbents Mindy Herrmann and Marv Gans, and newcomers Symantha Heath and Fred Shadko. Many times in the past, the four Republicans would have also been automatic in the general election as well. However, this year, they have one contender from the

Democrat Party, Mike Nolta. The top four vote getters will serve fouryear terms on the board.

# Marv Gans

It would be difficult to find anyone with the background as extensive as Mary Gans. In addition to serving the last 16 years as a trustee, Gans, 80, served 30 years on the planning commission, 10 years on the Economic Development Cor-

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Police say teens broke into homes during broad daylight

> **By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man and a 16-year-old male from Southfield were arrested Monday afternoon after Northville Township police officers allegedly caught the duo breaking into a home off of Maryland, just north of Seven Mile near Meadowbrook Country Club. According to police, it was the third township home the two teens broke into that day. The 18-year-old, Cordel Patrick-William Jackson, has been charged with three counts of felony home invasion, each punishable up to 15 years in prison, and three counts of larceny in a building, each a four-year felony. He was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court in Plymouth, where he was given a \$50,000 bond. He is currently in Wayne County Jail, and is due in district court on Nov. 2 for a preliminary examination. Because he is a juvenile, police are not releasing the name of the 16-year-old, who has been placed in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility pending his next court date. He has been charged with three counts of felony home invasion. According to Lt. Michael Wildt, the police were tipped off by a neighbor who called around 1 p.m. to say she say two suspicious males walking around her neighbor's home. As officers were en route to the home, the same neighbor called back to say the two had entered the home by forcing their way through

quality of life for Michigan women, including providing support for female veterans, fighting human trafficking and assisting women business owners.

Dawley is owner of Southfield-based Joanne Dawley, D.D.S. PC, a private dental practice she opened in 1987. Dawley fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Alexandra Matish, and will serve the remainder of a three-year term that expires July 15, 2013. Her appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.



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Gary Kasenow peeps his head through some of his ghoulish buddies on the porch of his Fairbrook Street home. Kasenow and his wife Ursula have been going to some lengths for the last 16 years to make their Halloween decorations something else.

# Couple on Fairbrook Street go out all out for Halloween

**By Lonnle Huhman** Staff Writer

There's a haunted house on Fairbrook Street in downtown Northville - at least it is during the month of October.

And that's the way Ursula and Gary Kasenow like it. For the last 16 years they have been decorating their

Northville home for Halloween and every year their set-up in the front yard has grown.

"We like to make the most of our front yard and we have just accumulated more things over the years. We've bought some of it, but a lot of it is our own creation," Ursula said. There are gravestones with

funny epitaphs on them, there

are the Zombies (something new for all the Zombie fans out there) and there is the always present life-size Count Dracula, who unlike the other Halloween decorations stays up all year around. Ursula said 'The Count' celebrates 4th of July and Thanksgiving at their home.

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Ursula Kasenow greets "the Count" in her Fairbrook Street home. Kasenow and her husband Gary have been working on their Halloween decorations every year they've lived in their home in Northville home — since 1996.

# HALLOWEEN

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The outside decorations also sneak inside the home with nice to nasty paintings on the walls, a scary birdcage in the corner and the Count near the dining room. There's also a Halloween tree, similar to a Christmas tree.

The Kasenows' lawn is full of scary creatures at this time of year.

They've been putting together their collection of Halloween stuff for over 20 years and estimate they have probably put in \$500 into this year's display. They try to do something new or different each year. A lot of work does go into this. Ursula is

usually the idea person and her husband is the builder. Ursula said he's, "great at monster repair."

"She has all the thoughts and creative ideas, I'm just the laborer," said a smiling Gary.

The payoff comes from all of the smiling faces, curious people and longtime fans they see visiting their home around Halloween. They've had visitors come back for 12 years in a row now, who

don't live in the area, but want to see the Halloween fun. There's one couple who come to take photographs, so they can send them to friends in Germany.

"That's why we do it," Ursula said. "To see people get excited makes it that much more fun."

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# A little indoor trick or treating

Camile Dedes helps Cooke School student Reagan Evans-Palmisano get around to the Livonia Elks' Oct. 30 Halloween party at the Northville school. The Elks brought in miniature homes and lots of candy treats so that the students could have the experience of doing a little trick or treating.



Cooke School student Justin McGeorge does some early trick or treating on Oct. 30 as the Livonia Elks party for the students. Many students and staff came by the Elks' mini-houses to receive a nice treat and a friendly greeting.

The headline for the Northville girls cross country

team story in the Oct. 18 Record incorrectly identified

the team as Wildcats instead of Mustangs.

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# The puppet master

Rob Panineau, of Pippin Puppets, warms up his audience recently at the Northville District Library with a primer on how to create paper bag puppets. The kids sure did seem to enjoy the show.

# **BREAK-IN**

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the front door. Two officers arrived at the scene, and stationed themselves around the home as they waited for backup to arrive. The two suspects saw the officers outside, and fled the home through the front door. Police immediately caught the juvenile, while Jackson fled into a wooded area.

More officers arrived, and they began to track Jackson, ultimately locating him near the northwest corner of the Meijer store at Eight Mile

and Haggerty — nearly two miles from the home. Wildt said he gave up without a struggle. "He ended up surren-

dering to us. He was tired. He was beat by the time we caught up with him," Wildt said.

After the arrests, police were notified of two other similar home break-ins within the same area. In both cases, the thieves entered the homes by forcing their way through the front doors. Police located the vehicle used by the two suspects. Inside the car were two flat screen televisions, cameras, iPads, and other electronic devices that had

been taken from the other homes. Wildt said all the items were returned to the owners.

"Everything was returned, and everybody got their stuff back," Wildt said.

According to Wildt, the majority of home invasions in the township occur during daylight hours, when thieves know people are away from their homes. He said people should make sure they lock their doors when they leave for the day, and to turn on alarms if they have them.

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# Judge orders competency examination in sexual abuse case

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A forensic evaluation has been ordered in the criminal case against



who is accused of sexually abusing a 11-yearold boy. At the

preliminary examination hearing on Oct. 19, 35th District Court Judge James Plakas executed the forensic orders requested by Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Adam Nael.

Prosecutors requested the evaluation to determine whether or not Miklos is competent to stand trial. Miklos' defense attorney Ray Cassar consented with the request.

The 18-year-old Miklos has been charged with criminal sexual conduct second degree, and faces 15 years to life in prison. Northville City police issued a warrant for Miklos' arrest in connection with an incident involving an 11-year-old Northville boy this past July. Miklos turned himself in and was arraigned on the warrant on Aug. 8.

Nael said thus far there have been no bond issues in relation to the case. These conditions will continue. Miklos has been ordered to wear a GPS

tracking tether, is prohibited from having contact with the 11-year-old victim or anyone else under the age of 18 unless a parent is present.

The Northville High School senior is also prohibited from being on school property or at any school events unless it is for a pre-arranged meeting pertaining to his education plan.

Due to confidentiality, Northville Public Schools will not comment on the details of Miklos' education plan.

The next court hearing, which will be for the preliminary examination conference, is scheduled for January.

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# NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

# **NHS drama production**

The Northville High School Drama Club will present "A Christmas Story" Nov. 15-17, at Northville High School. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. General admission tickets for A Christmas Story are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors age 55 and over.

To order tickets, visit www.showtix4u.com/boxoffice.php?submit=Sear ch+for+Events&begin=1542968&curre nt\_client=0401451209101148&ts=13496 97430.

Tickets are also available at the Northville Public Schools Central Office, 501 West Main Street, Room 307 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays. Additionally, the Box Office at Northville High School will be open one hour prior to each performance.

For more information on the Northville High School Drama Club and our 2012-2013 season, please visit www. nhstheatre.com.

# **Bond voter information**

With the November 6th Election just a few short weeks away, voters are encouraged to learn more about how the Northville Public Schools Technology Bond will benefit students and teachers in the classroom — while also maintaining the existing millage rate for taxpayers — by visiting www.voteyesnps.org.

The website is sponsored by Vote Yes! For NPS, a citizen-led ballot question committee comprised of about 15 Northville school parent and community volunteers, who have joined forces to get the word out about the Technology Bond, which will raise \$20.87 million for technology improvements across the school district over the next nine years if taxpayers are willing to maintain the existing 4.3-mill rate they currently pay.

By logging on to the website, visitors can get more in-depth information about the Technology Bond Proposal, which will support the district's technology plan for at least the next 12 years by issuing bonds through two separate series. Series 1 would be issued in 2013 to implement the technology improvements and Series 2 in 2017 to "refresh" the initial investment allowing for classroom technology to be up to date over the entire length of the bond.

The website also offers information on upcoming community events where voters can learn more about the Technology Bond, as well as voting information, and details on how community members can help support passage of the Technology Bond Proposal. In addition to the website, the Vote Yes! For NPS Committee is reaching out to voters with its message via neon yellow lawn signs, postcards mailed to absentee ballot voters, postings on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and by encouraging supporters to write letters to the editor for publication by local media outlets.



PASS volunteer coordinator Sandi Lynch (right) works with parent Aileen Franchi on a schedule to help out at Hillside Middle School.

# Parents needed for Hillside PASS program

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

For years the PASS program at Hillside Middle School has been giving students the great opportunity to get a little free time at lunch, which has helped them refocus on the rest of their school day.

Because of this Hillside is looking to parents for volunteer help so the program can continue to be a success.

"It opens up opportunities for kids during the school day to get outside and enjoy themselves," said Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft of the Parent and Students Support Services program. "This is also a great way for students to see the parents as role models."

Cracraft said PASS was founded in 1990 by Cooke Middle School parent and Northville resident Al Qualman along with Principal Jeff Radwanski as a way to get parents into the school to engage with middle school students. Through the program Hillside, along with Meads Mill Middle School, can offer various choices to students for their lunch recess time that gives them the opportunity to relax with their friends in a way that best suits each student's personality. Cracraft said this recreational time in the middle of the day allows them to better focus in their after lunch classes. "As principal, I believe



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Hillside Middle School PASS volunteer Sandi Lynch gets a hug from her daughter Mallory as Maya Friaj looks on. Even while greeting her daughter Lynch was still doing her job making sure Friaj would return her water bottle to her locker before classes resumed. PASS stands for Parents Assisting Students and Staff.

this opportunity for recreation and "blowing off steam" or to talk and socialize, play games, study, or rest is extremely important to helping kids focus for the rest of their day," he said. "For sixth graders who have just left elementary school this time to socialize and mix with peers is extremely important in their development as citizen-students at Hillside." Parent Erica McKee is a current volunteer. This is her second year helping out. She sees it as an ideal way for the kids to get some fresh air. "We all need a break during the day and for the students this is a perfect because it gives

them one in the middle of the day," said McKee. "Instead of sitting in the lunch room the entire time they can get outside



# Spirit of giving

In the spirit of competition, with Northville Civic Concern being the ultimate winner, the Silver Springs Elementary Student Leadership Committee sponsored a fundraiser Oct. 16-19 at the school leading up to the Michigan/ Michigan State football game. More than 100 students went through an application process and were interviewed for leadership roles including can collectors/counters, advertisement, script writers and readers, and goal tracking designers. Students then brought in canned and boxed food all week for their favorite team to see who could collect the most items. The week ended with a spirit day on Friday. Here students Kyra Makie and Liam Ramsay show off some of the food collected.







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Cracraft said since its inception PASS has been a key contributor in the school's success. This is apparent in the student reaction to it.

"I like it a lot and it's helpful to us," said sixthgrader Ryan Silberg. "With parents monitoring different parts of the school we can get outside and do things like play football rather than just sitting and waiting for lunch to end."

To get involved with PASS just call Hillside at (248) 344-8493 or contact its PTA at (248) 343-8761.



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# Master strategists

Moraine Elementary School students Quinn Cassar (left) and Jack Gremel contemplate their moves on a chess board during a recent meeting of the school's Chess Club. The Club, taught by John Herron, has about 19 kids interested in it so far and meets most Wednesdays afternoons — just after school gets out.



Chess Club instructor John Herron goes over some pointers with a few beginners during Moraine Elementary's initial meeting of their Chess Club on Oct. 10.

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# Pathways to the park

# Novi, Northville and Maybury explore options for pedestrian connections

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

A plan for a new pedestrian connection, or two, to Maybury Park could become more of a reality in the coming months as the Northville and Novi communities along with park officials continue to discuss working together to make it happen.

In the past year, the cities of Northville and Novi as well as Northville Township have each expressed the desire to get a pedestrian connection to the state park. Each community is making a bigger push to expand its pathway systems.

"I'm a big believer that Maybury State Park is a real gem located entirely within the borders of our community," said Northville Township Trustee Mindy Herrmann. "And I'm committed to the goal of gaining better pedestrian access to it.'

The other two communities agree. However, the challenge is how to get it done in a way

that benefits everyone involved.

Novi councilman Andrew Mutch, also a member of the Walkable Novi committee, said all three communities and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources agree that they want to provide a way for residents to get to Maybury on foot or on bike. He said the ultimate goal is to provide safe routes for pedestrians and bikers to get to the park by connecting the pathways in the surrounding communities to the pathways inside of it.

Each community has its own needs, so that will play a big part in how they move forward. Much of what needs to be done to by all three involves filling in some pathway gaps just to get to the park.

Herrmann, who sits on a township pathway subcommittee, said for Northville Township in that particular area the current goal is to continue the pathway that exists on the south side of 8 Mile Road, but

which ends abruptly just west of Moraine Elementary. It's their goal to continue that pathway, but it also poses some challenges as far as costs and overcoming the terrain.

From there, the township would also hope to see a four-way pedestrian crossing all around the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck roads and then a new pedestrian entrance to the park there at the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck. Both of these would need the help and approval of Oakland County and the DNR.

Mutch said the gaps in the sidewalks east of Beck on Eight Mile in the City of Northville and Northville Township may be the most important of the missing pieces. He said if Northville — both the city and township - can complete those gaps that would provide a continuous connection for those areas east of Beck to reach Maybury.

This would benefit Novi residents as well who would also be able to reach Maybury by coming south along the Taft Road sidewalks and then west along the Eight Mile Road sidewalks.

"Finding a way to complete the network of pathways between the three communities and Maybury is like putting together a big puzzle," Mutch said. "We have a lot of the pieces in place, but there are key pieces still missing."

There is a lot of interest for this from the communities. Herrmann has been in contact with Northville Township resident Sarah Shair about it. Shair has started a Facebook page in support of establishing a pathway, to see it go to https://www.facebook. com/Pathway.to.Maybury. It's up to over 130 likes, so interest is building.

Upcoming meetings will focus on the specifics of how to accomplish that including identifying where connections into the park can safely be established.

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- Sunday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Private Party in Church
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# Demolition costs for 7 Mile property continue to rise

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The cleanup process for the rundown powerhouse located on the Northville Townshipowned property on Sev-

en Mile Road is not going as well as hoped. It will take a little bit more time and money to get all of the asbestos out of it. According to Northville Township Public Services Director Tom Casari, during an environmental check of the site it was discovered the fire bricks inside the building have asbestos in them. These will even-



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**BELL, FLORENCE O.** Passed away Oct. 18, 2012. Age 84, Salem Twp. resident. Be-loved wife of 54 yrs. to the late Ted Bell. She is survived by her loving children: Dianne, Bonnie (Ron) and Barbara (Joe). Also survived by her precious grandaughters, Laura and Kacie, and her sister Dolly (Aurel). Flo was an amazing woman and passed peacefully to our Lord. Sincere thanks to South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center & Great Lakes Hospice. Inurnment at South Lyon Cemetery.

# COMAZZI, JOSEPH

Died peacefully at home on October 26, 2012 with his wife of 72 years, two sons, and other family at his bedside. Born in 1917 in New York City, the son of Italian immigrants, Antonio and Caterina (Benedetto) Comazzi. His family moved to Canadensis, PA in the Pocono Mountains, where they purchased and operated a vacation villa. Joseph graduated high school from The Barrett School where he was an outstanding student and baseball player. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and walks in the woods during his adolescence. He attended Lehigh University where he studied Industrial Engineering and played baseball for the Lehigh team. He spent his summers working at the villa and it is there in 1937 that he met his bride to be, Mary Strianese of New York City, who was vaca-tioning. They were married in 1940. Joe was always proud of the contribution he made to the WWII effort while working at Sperry Gyroscope on Long Island. There he was instrumental in designing and overseeing the manufacturing of vital assets in support of all branches of our military services. His career was spent in the zinc and aluminum die casting industry. He was em-ployed by Advance Pressure Castings of Brooklyn, NY and later of Denville, NJ where he rose to the position of VP of Engineering and Manufacturing. His family moved to Morris-town, NJ in 1960. He and Mary lived there until 2005 when they moved to Michigan to be closer to their family. Joseph was a faithful father and husband and always worked hard to provide for his family. He taught his three sons by his example the importance of hard, honest work and a responsible work ethic. His hobbies included fishing, golfing, woodworking, bridge and stained glass. He and his sons spent many weekend days on Long Island fishing and crabbing. His family's homes are filled with beautiful stained glass and wooden furniture. His neighbors called him Mr. Fix It because he could fix just about anything and was always willing to lend a hand to friends in need. He cherished time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of his more recent happy times and proud days was spent playing a round of golf with his son, grandson and greatgrandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Pierina and Clotilda, and his son Joseph. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Anthony (Lynne) of Ypsilanti, MI, son Robert of Boston, MA, nine grandchildren, Teresa, Joseph, Gina, John, Christian, Katy, Mary, Jorma and Jenna, and 16 great grandchildren. A visitation was held at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce Road, Milford, MI on Monday, October 29 at 10 AM with Fr. David Harvey and Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. A private burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery following cremation. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Joseph's memory to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis,

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GABRYS, IRENE R. Age 86, passed away, Oct. 24, Visitation was Oct. 26 at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

Age 77, of Milford, October 29,

2012. For more information, please contact Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645

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JOHNSON, THOMAS Retired Northville high school teacher and Schoolcraft College. Passed away Oct. 12, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Surrounded by his family - wife Elaine (nee Kirchner), sons Tim of Northville, Marty of Linden, MI. Thomas Christopher, United States Army combat surgeon, overseas, unable to attend.



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tually be removed as part of the cleanup plan for the powerhouse and maintenance building. Casari said the bricks are located around the building's boilers, which are three stories high.

There are two options for the removal, either by hand which is costly at \$260,000 alone or temporarily wrapping the boilers in plastic, cleaning up the rest of the building, and then find a way to address the boilers.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a project payment for the cleanup on recommendation from their consultant, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, to pay National Environmental Group nearly \$350,000 for the cleanup job.

Initially, Casari said the township and its consultants had thought there was a small like-

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lihood of finding asbestos in the boiler, but not at this level. The asbestos is in the cracks between the bricks and would have to be removed by hand. "What we did find was

a gray asbestos stuffed in all the cracks," Casari said.

Supervisor Mark Abbo asked whether or not the ultimate cleanup outcome could be addressed as part of the Brownfield Abatement plan. Casari said it could be incorporated into that plan. With a 20 percent in-kind match, the township received a \$200,000 EPA Clean-Up grant to help begin the cleanup process.

However, Casari said additional funding may be needed to remove the boilers.

Another option, Casari said would be to find salvage value in other buildings so it could generate additional

funds to get the boilers out. The plan was to start with the powerhouse because it has its own salvage value. The consultants projected that with this initial clean-up effort, the salvage value of these facilities may be sufficient to pay for their demolition.

Trustee Marjorie Banner asked Casari how safe the boilers were. He said they are wrapped and the building is blocked off, so they are as safe as they can make them at this time.

The powerhouse building was part of the former Northville State **Psychiatric Hospital** property, which is now owned by the township and is eventually planned to be a park. There are 20 structures on the property, which is more than 300 acres.

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# HAYES, KATHLEEN (NEE WAKEFIELD)

#### BURKHERT. JOHN ALLEN

Age 73, passed away October 28, 2012. He was born on April 15, 1939, in Detroit, to the late Walter and Betty (Barber) Burkhert. He was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion and the Moose Lodge. John is survived by his children: Valerie, Bonnie, Laura, Vera, John Jr., Brenda; siblings: Beverly, Sheryl, Bonnie, Diane, Linda, Patricia; 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Betty. Visitation will be held on November 1st, Thursday, from 5pm-9pm. A funeral service will be held on November 2nd, Friday, at 10am. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge #1665, 1600 Fort St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146 or the American Cancer Society, 2010 Hogback Rd. Ste. 4 Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



#### FOLEY **BETTY VIRGINIA**

A resident on Pettibone Lake in Highland for over 70 years, died quietly on October 25, 2012, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Arthur Foley in 2000, and is survived by children, Mary Foley, Tim Foley, Anne (Jeff) Heyn, Tom (the late Lisa) Foley, Nancy (Mike) Nesterowich, and Patrick grandchildren, Matt r, F. Joseph Crudder, Foley; Crudder, Timothy Michael Foley, Jeremy Foley, Chris, Molly, and Jeff Heyn, Gene Foley, Bill Foley, Jacob Hughes, Casey and Hanna Nesterowich and a great grandson, Alex Crudder. She will be remembered for her contribution to the community, her love of the arts, and nature. A Funeral Mass and celebration of her life was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Tuesday, October 30. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Monday, October 29.

For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

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TN 38105 or Season's Hospice & Palliative Care, 27355 John Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071. For further info phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.

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#### FERGUSON. GARY G.

Age 67, of Highland, passed away on October 22, 2012. He was preceded in death by his Michaeline Ferguson, in wife. 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Michele (Dustin) Ferguson; brothers, Michael (Darlene) Ferguson, Ronald Ferguson; sister, Patricia (Kent) West and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit with Fr. Leo Lulko officiating. Burial and Military Honors, Highland Cemetery

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Age 82, of longtime resident of Northville, passed away October 1, 2012. She was born March 17, 1930 in West Brownsville, Pennsylvania; daughter of Joseph and Mary (nee Gavelic) Bailey. She was united in marriage to Richard A. Kelly on June 21, 1969; and they spent 43 loving years together. Polly, who had a Master's Degree in Education from Penn State, was a 6th grade teacher with Wyandotte Schools for many years. She was a mem-ber of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and the Northville Garden Club. Polly was a very special aunt to her nieces and nephews, who truly adored spending time with her; she was also a loyal friend and good neighbor to many. She was a gourmet cook and wonderful hostess. Polly was very creative and everything she did was presented beautifully; including floral centerpieces, often using flowers from her own garden and delicious desserts she made. She was a world traveler; but especially loved the Greek Isles. Following retirement, she and her husband spent their winters in Arizona staying warm. Polly also enjoyed playing cards and games with family and friends. She is survived by her devoted husband, Richard A. Kelly; her brother, Vince (Audrey) Bailey; her brother and sisters-in-law, Betty (Don) Christiansen, Mary (Bob) Walker, Pat (Jane) Kelly, and Jean (Tom) Troxell; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother-in-law Bob Kelly. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10 a.m., with a time of gathering beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memocontributions to rial Northville Garden Club, 19592 Northridge Dr., Northville, MI 48167 or the charity of the givers choice. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

McCORD, ANDREW P. Age 61, passed away Oct. 27, 2012. Memorial Nov. 17, 11 am, First United Methodist Church, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

#### **IN MEMORY OF** SHANNON PARTIN

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a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

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Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 13 Details: A study of the Book of Proverbs, entitled Ancient Wisdom for a Postmodern World. Fee of \$15; free program for children through age 5.

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Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

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# Nocturnal feathered friends visit Northville, help teach about nature

#### By Julle Brown Staff Writer

A barred owl, great horned owl, barn owl and eastern screech owl all found their way to the Northville Community Center Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The "All About Owls" program put on by the Howell Nature Center was sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park and the Northville District Library's youth department.

"There were a lot of adults there, too," said nature center naturalist Kathy Frantz, a Howell resident who presented the program. "There were lots of good questions."

Children, teens and adults learned about the nocturnal birds. Frantz noted about 65 percent of injured birds they take in can be released back into the wild. Other injured birds stay and help out with educational programs.

"It helps human beings to understand more," she said. People become more aware of animals and nature "and learn to sort of co-exist with them."

Frantz was a teacher, and now combines that with her love of animals.

"It's very rewarding to educate

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people," she said. "That's what I like the most, working with the children and the birds and animals."

She also liked the partnership with the local library and the Friends of Maybury State Park. "We are a wildlife rehabilita-

tion center," said Dana DeBenham, a Howell resident and the nature center's director. It takes in some 2,300 injured birds, mammals and reptiles each year. The goal is to get them back in the wild, but some are not in any shape to be released so they stay on to help teach. They live in the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park, DeBenham said, which is open to the public seven days a week.

The Howell Nature Center puts on more than 200 programs a year offsite, including library summer reading programs for children. "July is very busy for us," she

said. It also does some 500 tours a year.

"We are celebrating our 30th year of wildlife rehabilitation this year," said DeBenham, on the eve of a celebration of that milestone.

Additional information is available online at www.howellnaturecenter.org.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy Frantz of the Howell Nature Center displays a barred owl to an Oct. 24 gathering at the Northville Community Center during a program called "All About Owls." Frantz, who also showed a northern screech and great horned owl, discussed where owls live, what they eat, and how they stalk and find their prey so quietly.



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poration, 15 years on the Senior Adult Advisory Committee, and 20 years as chair of Friends of North-

ville Parks and Recreation. Gans moved to Northville Township in 1967 and remembers when Haggerty Road was a dirt road. A retired educator, he spent 39 years as an administrator for Schoolcraft College. He says he first got involved with township government because he thought Northville "was a great community and I wanted to be involved." And he certainly has, especially when it comes to parks and recreation.

"I've been involved in almost every park that we have in the township," he says proudly.

During his time on the board, Gans says the township has been forced to be fiscally responsible, and touts the sacrifices that have been made by the township's employees. Last year they took 26 furlough days, agreed to contribute more to their healthcare costs, and accepted pay cuts. But he sees a brighter horizon now that the



economy has begun to turn around

"The builders are starting to build again," Gans said. "We've been fortunate that our property values have stayed higher than a lot of surrounding communities.

"We have to make sure we continue to develop in a responsible way," he said, particularly referring to the Scott Prison property and the other townshipowned property along Five Mile Road west of the prison. "It's very important we develop that property in the right way. What we want to do is diversify beyond residential development, and put in commercial which will really help our tax base."

Gans is married to Rikki, and has three adult children.

# Symantha Heath

Heath, 44, has lived in the township for eight years. is married and has three young children attending Northville Public Schools. While she hasn't run for elected office, she has been quite involved in the community. She is currently serving her second term on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission, where she has served as both vicechair and secretary, and participated as a member of the township's Green Ribbon Committee. Many also know her from participation in Girls Scouts, the PTA and the Northville Soccer & Lacrosse Associations.

Professionally she is an attorney, and a founding partner of the firm Elkouri Heath PLC - a member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to bringing "a significant amount of legal experience" to the table, Heath believes if elected she would add some needed diversity to the board -being female, younger than most on the board, and a mother of young children who attend the public schools. That's one of the issues that motivated her to run.



"When I looked at who the board members were, I felt we needed someone with a young family considering there are so many of us in the community. We need someone who understands what young families are going through. Young families are more cash-strapped than some of our other residents," she said.

Like the other candidates, Heath considers herself fiscally conservative. She believes the township can keep tax rates low by attracting more diverse developments, including commercial and light industrial projects. She also wants to make sure the 7 Mile property doesn't become "an albatross around our neck."

"As a board we have to make sure we are doing on that property what the residents actually want. That means making sure it remains a transparent process, so the people know what we are doing every step of the way," she said.

#### Mindy Herrmann

Herrmann, 46, was first elected as a trustee in 2008. She serves on Parks and Recreation Commission, the Senior Advisory Commission, and the Pathways and Connectivity Subcommittee.

She is a graduate of the United States Naval Academv in Annapolis, Maryland and has served for the past 24 years in the United States Marine Corps and continues her service to this day as a lieutenant colonel.

She has enjoyed her time on the board, and does her best to keep residents up to date on what is happening with township government.

"I enjoy communicating with residents. I try to do as



Nolta much outreach as I can. I like working with residents with their issues," she said.

She says the township does a good job providing services at the lowest possible cost. In addition to her interest in the Seven Mile and Scott Prison properties, Herrmann said an issue she is passionate about is creating a better pathway system in the township that connects residents to the important destinations around town. During her term, she has fought to get funding dedicated to the pathways for upkeep and expansion.

Herrmann believes her time in military has given her leadership skills she feels are important in her role on the board. She says she is also not afraid to stand up for what she believes in, even if it goes against recommendations by township administrators.

"This is not a stepping stone for me. I like what I'm doing, and I think I'm good at it," she said. "I think the board sometimes needs someone who will stand alone, and I have shown I can be that person."

Herrmann moved to Northville Township with her husband and two young daughters in 2001.

#### Mike Nolta

Nolta, 49, is a 11-year resident of the township with his wife Judy. He works as a capacity planning supervisor for Ford Motor Company, where he is a 20-year employee.

Nolta, who calls himself the "most fiscally conservative candidate in the race", really began paying attention to township government because of the Seven Mile property, which he feels the township should



Herrmann

have never purchased. He believes township officials "deceived" the voters into going along with the purchase, and he is extremely worried about the multi-million dollar master plan.

"The township has gone in a fiscally irresponsible direction," he said. "We've bitten off more than we can chew financially.

"I realize voters voted for it, but I believe we were misled. This property and the plan we have in place really threatens to be a black hole for our taxpayers," he said.

Nolta said instead of investing large amounts of money to develop the park, the township should concentrate on creating passive recreation on the property, including cross country trails, hiking trails, mountain biking trails, sledding hills and restrooms with running water.

"Anything more than that is too ambitious for a community of 20,000 people," he said. "We can't afford Central Park West, we can only afford Maybury Park East."

This is his first time running for public office. He has attended nearly every township board meeting this year, and feels he has a good grasp of the issues the next board will have to deal with. "I believe I can do a good job representing the interests of our residents in a fiscally conservative manner," said Nolta, who once worked as a Congressional staff assistant in Washington. D.C.

For more information, visit votenolta.com.

#### Fred Shadko

While this is the first time he has ever run for an elected office. it's a bit of a stretch to call Shadko

a newcomer. He has been a resident of the township for 16 years, and has been pretty active in a number of important causes. Perhaps one of the most notable was his leading role in stopping the annexation effort a couple years back. He has also been a leading proponent of the township's dog park, secretary of the Northville Township Historic District Commission and involved in the Northville Historical Society, as well as a volunteer at Northville's farmer's market.

Shadko, 65, is a retired manager and executive in the automotive business, spending his final years at Chrysler, where he was in charge of many multimillion dollar projects. He retired 18 months ago, and says he now has the time to dedicate to the township board.

The Seven Mile annexation fight is what really piqued his interest in getting involved.

"One of the reasons I took on annexation was my concern with what was being proposed for that property," he said.

He is happy with the plan the township has in place, and is pleased with the U-of-M medical facility planned on the private portion of the property.

"There's still some substantial development to be done in the township. We have to make sure we do it right," he said.

Shadko has been preparing himself for the board by attending all the planning commission, ZBA and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

"I think I'm ready to hit the ground running," he said. "There's a bumper sticker out there that reads, 'Get involved. The world is run by people who show up.' Well, I'm the kind of person who shows up. Sometimes I'm a foot soldier. Sometimes I'm a leader. I love this community and I want to see it grow and get better."

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#### **Busse-Rose**

Linda Busse of Northville, and Dr. Thomas Rose of Northville (formerly of Laurel, Mississippi) were married at the Chapel at Mill Race Village in downtown Northville in Saturday, Sept. 15. The couple have enjoyed the Village often, making the chapel a perfect location for the wedding, officiated by Pastor Bob Hegdal. Family and friends enjoyed strolling along the village pathway and took advantage of the beautiful outdoor setting for photos. A reception was held at The Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

#### 50th anniversary

Joseph and Elizabeth (Vella) Micallef of Northville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Oct. 27. Born on the small island of Malta, they both came to the United States as children and met through friends when they were older. They were married in 1962 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Detroit. Joe worked at The Detroit Athletic Club and for United Airlines in food service. He currently assists in food service at the Inn at St. John and as a ranger for the golf course. Both Joe and Elizabeth were Amway distributors for many years and reached the level of Ruby Direct Distributorship. Elizabeth (Betty) worked at A&P as a cashier and also at Me & Mr. Jones clothing boutique in Plymouth. Elizabeth recently retired from All Saint's Catholic School in Canton as a kin-



Joseph and Elizabeth Micallef on their wedding day

dergarten aide. Both Joe and Elizabeth are very active at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church. They also enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends. They have two children Sandra (Robert) McCrary and Paul (Kim Halkey) Micallef. They have four grandchildren, Peter and Charlie McCrarv and Lauren and Theresa Micallef. They celebrated with a Mass and dinner with family.



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# ELECTION 2012

# Northville attorney hopes to be elected to Wayne State board

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Sandra Hughes O'Brien, a Northville resident and attor-



State University Board of Governors because she supports public education and wants to bring a new perspective to the school's ruling body. "I think it's

Sandra Hughes O'Brien

important to serve and I'm also a big supporter of public education," she said of her motivations to run for the eight-person board, which is one of three such votes taking place statewide on Nov. 6. "For me, I want to try and give back. I think Wayne State is a great school, so I hope to be a strong voice in support of it."

If elected, she said her main job would be to act as an advocate for the school community.

Her plan would be to work to keep tuition affordable, and make sure that Wayne State remains accessible to all segments of the diverse population in the Metropolitan Detroit area, where it draws most of its 32,000 students. In addition, to assure the quality of education for undergraduate. graduate and professional schools students, as well as working even harder to improve its retention and graduation rates.

And finally, she wants to help Wayne State accelerate its role as an economic engine in Detroit through its research, health care work, and Midtown Redevelopment.

"I will be a strong voice for working families and as a member of the Wayne State Board I will advocate strongly for the school community," she said.

O'Brien is a graduate of Fennville High School, which is

located on the west side of the state. She grew up on the family farm. She has resided in Northville since 1998 with her husband, Barrie, and their three children, Faelan, Fiona, and Rory, and is the principal owner of the O'Brien Law Office, PLLC, based in downtown Northville.

Her law practice concentrates in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration. She has provided legal services to clients throughout the metropolitan Detroit area and the State of Michigan.

A graduate of the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University (J.D., cum laude, 1998) and received her undergraduate degree from Grand Valley State University, O'Brien is running for the first as a Democratic candidate. She wants to bring a new look to the board and with her background as a Latina woman she hopes to represent the entire community of Michigan.

She has a lot of experience doing this.

Through her affiliation with the Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan, she became interested in mentoring Wayne State students. More recently, she participated in a Jet Mentoring Program that introduced law students to established practitioners.

She's also a mentor for the College to Career (C2C) program for the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) at Wayne State and has also spoken at the Center's "Academia del Pueblo" Conference.

"I believe the university boards need to be reflective of the entire Michigan community," she said.

To find out more about O'Brien go to her Facebook page at www. facebook.com/obrien4wsugovernors or visit the web site at www. obrien4wsugovernors.org.

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# Congressional candidates: Race for partial term just as important

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Voters in some cities, including Northville, will vote in two races Nov. 6 to fill the 11th District congressional seat, adding to an already long ballot.

One is for a full two-year term; the other is for a partial term ending Jan. 2, 2013, to elect a successor to Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal.

Republican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Syed Taj are running for the two-year term, along with Libertarian John J. Tatar, Green Party candidate Steven Paul Duke and Natural Law candidate Daniel Johnson.

Bentivolio, Democrat David A. Curson, Tatar and U.S. Taxpayers candidate Marc J. Sosnowski are vying for the partial term.

The race for the full term has received a lot of media attention, with the spotlight on the Republican and Democratic challengers — Bentivolio and Taj.

Curson, the Democrat running against Bentivolio for the partial term, is concerned the lack of coverage and endorsements in the partial term race sends the wrong message to voters, making it appear the last session of the 112th Congress is insignificant. Taj did not run for the partial term.

"In reality it may prove to be one of the most important and memorable sessions in history," the Belleville resident said in an



e-mail to the Observer. "If the upcoming lame-duck session does not act on certain legislation, the country falls over the fiscal cliff (the Budget Control Act of 2011) and nearly every taxpayer will see an increase in taxes. Over 1,000 government programs - including the defense budget and Medicare are in line for deep, automatic cuts if the 112th Congress fails to act by year end. Businesses and investors will be dramatically impacted, as will many other entities."

Curson, a Marine Corps veteran who became a journeyman diecast diemaker at Ford's Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township, has spent the past 39 years as a UAW representative, 27 of those on the International Union staff.

"I have proudly spent a lifetime being a problem solver - fighting for worker rights and fairness in the work place to give workers a voice on issues that directly impact their lives, the

well-being of their families, and the opportunity to contribute to their communities," he said.

Curson said the issues he will work to enhance and protect are job creation, affordable health care, Social Security and Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans; veterans' affairs; oversight and regulation of Wall Street and a stop to the attack on the wages and benefits of first responders, public service employees and teachers.

Bob Dindoffer, Bentivolio's campaign manager, agreed the race for the partial term is extremely important.

"In particular, we have to work out a deal on the debt." Dindoffer said. "And Kerry Bentivolio stands with the majority of the district on debt issues. He doesn't think we should kick the can down the road and burden our children and grandchildren with a massive debt.

"We trust the majority will vote for Kerry Bentivolio."

Dindoffer said electing Bentivolio to the partial term, as well as the full term, will give him more seniority than other new Congressional members. "That leads to better representation of the people," he said.

"If his opponent wins, the people in the district will lose clout."

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# Reward, manhunt, fears grow in I-96 corridor shooting spree

By Lisa Roose-Church Gannett News Service

The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the Interstate 96 corridor shootings was increased to \$102,000 Monday.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and FBI have joined the investigation and announced that each agency is contributing \$50,000 to the \$2,000 reward offered by CrimeStoppers.

"These senseless shootings must be stopped," ATF Special Agent in Charge David L. McCain said at a news conference at the Wixom Police Department. "This individual has no regard for public safety and is attempting to cause injury and fear to citizens that utilize I-96 on an everyday basis."

# **Unrelated incident**

Meanwhile, Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw said a 9 a.m. Monday incident in which a female motorist reported her vehicle had been shot as she traveled south on U.S. 23, north of the I-96 inter-



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Michigan State Police cars, including a canine unit, are parked on eastbound Hyne Road near the U.S. 23 overpass Monday as a state police helicopter circles overhead. Police searched for evidence of a possible shooting in the area after a motorist reported her vehicle had been shot as she traveled south on U.S. 23 north of the interstate 96 interchange in Brighton Township. Authorities said they do not believe the incident was related to a string of roadway shootings this month in Shiawassee, Oakland, ingham and Livingston counties.

ing on a suspended driver's license.

That motorist, 30-year-old construction worker Grant Elliott of Brighton, told Detroit media that police told him he was "pulled over because he fits the description of the shooter."

"He was an unfortunate individual in a black Cavalier and a trooper made an unrelated traffic stop," said Shaw, who did not confirm Elliott's identity.

Authorities said more

Fowlerville exit. All but one victim -a

man taking out his garbage in the Wixom area — have been motorists. Seven of the shootings

have been linked forensically, but police believe all the incidences are connected.

No injuries had been reported until Saturday when a 46-year-old Barry County man was struck in the buttocks when a bullet hit his vehicle as he trav-

anyone who has information to come forward.

Shaw said police have received reports of parents keeping their children out of school as a result of the recent shootings. He and other law enforcement officials, however, encouraged citizens to go about their usual day-to-day business.

"People need to continue to live their lives," Wixom Public Safety Director Clarence Goodlein said. "People need not to be intimidated and influenced by this man and his behavior. You can't let any type of terror or other type of experience you fear to keep you from continuing your daily life."

When asked how confident the task force is about catching the shooter, Goodlein replied: "We're going to catch the man. It's just a matter of time."

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# NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

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# Kohl's employee arrested

A 19-year-old male employee at Kohl's, located on Haggerty Road, was arrested Oct. 20 for stealing both money and 'Kohl's Cash' from the store over the course of a month while he was in charge of a register.

Northville Township police were called to the store around noon on Oct. 20 after store security allegedly caught the Northville man pocketing money from the register. At the time, security was investigating thefts of cash dating back to September. When police officers arrived, security personnel made the man empty his pockets. They found four \$20 bills, as well as \$10 Kohl's Cash coupons.

According to police reports, the man ultimately admitted to stealing on several occasions, including \$100 on Sept. 19, \$100 on Oct. 5, as well as the Oct. 20 incident. He also allegedly admitted to stealing clothing from the store

Security believes total losses amounted to \$404, for which the employee signed an agreement that he will repay to Kohl's.

Police issued the man a violation for larceny, and gave the man a Nov. 7 date in 35th District Court. He posted the \$200 bond and was released.

# Drunken driving/drug possession

A 22-year-old Farmington man was arrested for drunken driving and possession of the drug LSD after Northville City police stopped the man for drifting through the intersection at Edward Hines Drive (Seven Mile Road) and S. Center Street.

On Oct. 24, the police stopped the man at the old McDonald Ford after spotting him run through the intersection without stopping. He said he was on his way home from a concert in Ann Arbor and had a couple of beers.

After performing the field sobriety tests, the man was given a Breathalyzer and it registered a .14 percent blood-alcohol content. A further search of the vehicle turned up a pipe, commonly used to smoke marijuana, as well as two cylinders. One was empty but smelled of marijuana and the other was suspected to have contained a strip of LSD

The case is being submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

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change in Brighton Township, is "not related" to the 24 roadway shootings, which began Oct. 16 in Wixom. However, Shaw said authorities have not ruled out the possibility.

"We believe a projectile did hit this vehicle, but we believe it not to be a bullet," Shaw said at a news conference at the state police's Brighton post. "We can't confirm that 100 percent until the vehicle goes to the crime lab."

Shaw said media reports that someone had been arrested in connection to the shootings are untrue. He said a man was arrested after a state police trooper stopped his vehicle for a traffic violation and learned the man had outstanding warrants for child support and was driv-

than 100 officers are dedicated to finding the shooter or shooters, and they are following up on more than 600 tips. Those officers have beefed up patrols along the I-96 corridor from Oakland to Ingham counties.

Law enforcement officers have stopped male drivers in dark vehicles that resemble a 1998 Oldsmobile Alero or Toyota Camry, which have been reported as possible suspect vehicles by victims. Reports also have identified the vehicle as a Ford Mustang.

The majority of the shootings occurred Oct. 16-18 in Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. The two most recent incidences occurred Saturday on I-96 near the

eled east on I-96, heading to the World Series game in Detroit.

That victim, Scott Arnold, 46, told the Detroit *Free Press* that the bullet just missed an artery and major nerves.

"It was pure luck. ... I feel very, very fortunate, and my kids do, too," said Arnold, who lives in Delton, which is northeast of Kalamazoo.

### Shooter profile

FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert D. Foley III said at the Wixom news conference that investigators are putting together a profile of the shooter.

Investigators said they are not ready to release any details until a complete profile can be done, but they are pleading with

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# **OUR VIEWS**

# Gans, Heath, Herrmann, Shadko best choices for township trustees

Although the general election has yet to take place, the new makeup of the Northville Township Board of Trustees is pretty much already set. In a Republicandominated town, most of the positions were determined back in August by the primary election.

We know Bob Nix will be the new supervisor after edging out current Trustee Chris Roosen in the primary. We know current Trustee Marjorie Banner will be the new treasurer. And we know Sue Hillebrand will continue to be the clerk.

That leaves the four trustee seats to be filled. This year, there is actually a race because a lone Democrat, Mike Nolta, is in the race, joining the four Republican candidates who got through the primary. The Republicans include current Trustees Mindy Herrmann and Marv Gans, as well two new faces, Symantha Heath and Fred Shadko.

We believe voters would be well-served to cast votes for the two incumbents -Gans and Herrman.

Gans has been a pillar of this community for three decades, having served on just about every board imaginable, including the last 16 as a trustee. It would be challenging to hold any discussion on our local parks and recreation without mentioning Gans, who has been instrumental in all aspects of the township's fine facilities for many years. He is relentlessly devoted and committed to Northville and brings a vast amount of experience that no other candidate can offer.

Herrmann wasted little time in jumping in to township involvement since moving here 11 years ago, serving on the parks and recreation and senior advisory commissions. A lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, she possesses leadership qualities that will continue to help the board stay focused on serving its constituents' needs. She is not afraid to stand on her own if she truly believes in something, which she has proven in the past.

That leaves two seats for the remaining three candidates, who are all running for their first elected office.

Fred Shadko is a name many residents will recognize as one who helped lead the anti-annexation effort against Livonia a few years ago. We wondered then when he would take the next step and seek office. Now is his time. He's been involved in establishing the dog park, the Historic District Commission, the Historical Society and served on the Green Ribbon Steering Committee to determine the future of the vast Seven Mile property. He has 39 years in the auto industry dealing with multi-million dollar projects and tight budgets — an asset that will prove valuable on this board. Both Nolta and Heath share many of the same concerns, and have the same goals for the township. Both are worried about the Seven Mile property, mainly that the township doesn't overburden its residents by overspending on developing the park. Both are fiscally conservative, and both want to see the township diversify its tax base to help relieve residential property owners. Nolta, who has worked at Ford Motor Company for 20 years and is a capacity planning supervisor, has taken the time to attend nearly every board meeting this year and is not afraid to ask questions. Heath, an attorney who founded the firm Elkouri Heath PLC, served on the Green Ribbon Committee and has been involved in a wide variety of local organizations. She also has three young children attending Northville Public Schools, and thus shares the concerns faced by many young families living in the township. We feel both would make a fine elected official and represent the township well. However, we believe of the two, Heath is the more well-rounded candidate, and her legal experience would be very beneficial to the board as a whole.

# **COMMUNITY VOICE**

# What's the most important item on the election ballot?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"I can't stand Romney, so I think the presidential vote is important." Ron Baker Northville



"The presidential race and the technology bond for the schools." Maivika Gupta Northville



"I think international politics is being overlooked and that's what I'm mostly concerned about. So the presidential vote is important to me."

"The presidential vote and statewide, probably the six proposals." Mike Traicoff Northville

Lloyd Heim Northville

# LETTERS

# Shadko is qualified

I have known Fred Shadko, candidate for Northville Township trustee, for most of my life. Fred demonstrated his leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievements throughout his academic career at the University of Michigan, achieving a bachelor of science in engineering and a master's degree in business administration. In the ensuing years, Fred had positions of leadership and responsibility at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., among others, before retiring in June 2011

I have had the privilege of being Fred's friend for almost 50 years. During that time, I have witnessed both his personal and professional growth, his civic involvement during his years as a township resident, and his leadership in spearheading the dog park openings and the recent annexation battles. His accomplishments have been recognized by the many commendations he received while employed in the automobile industry and the respect he has garnered in the community for his numerous contributions and as the "go-to guy." Above all, he has been a true and devoted friend, whose care, concern, and loyalty has always been a force in my life. Fred Shadko is uniquely qualified to be a Northville Township trustee. Having been a Northville Township resident for 13 years, I know that Fred has a vision, based upon his values and expertise, to fuel the future growth and development of the township's resources while protecting the needs of residents and financial prudence. I strongly recommend his candidacy and endorse Fred Shadko as one who has the knowledge, skills, expertise, and vision to become a member of the board of trustees and lead Northville Township for the next four years.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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rather than having it imposed by someone else. Collective bargaining allows teachers to bargain for improved working conditions like clean classrooms, safe classrooms and equipment, adequate planning time for teachers, adequate materials for students such as a book for every child, a desk for every child, recess opportunities for younger students etc. Lansing politicians don't know what teachers need in the classroom — teachers should be making these decisions. Collective bargaining allows these professionals to bargain for what is needed. ACT/SAT scores in the five states without collective bargaining are among the worst in the nation. Massachusetts, with very high union participation, has some of the highest scores. Vote yes for the right to organize and participate in the collective bargaining process. Yes on Proposal 2.

therly type standing in a machine shop, looking concerned for the plight of poor workers, in recent television ads, is pure Hollywood-esque. The millions being spent on these ads come from her \$12 million campaign chest funded primarily by unions, lawyers and Wall Street bankers; all of whom will be waiting with their hands out, if she should win.

Make no mistake, if she is re-elected she will be adding to the deficit by voting for the Obama plan to withdraw \$700+million from Medicare to help fund Obamacare. It's time for a change. A vote for Peter Hoekstra will accomplish that and will also be a step closer in removing Harry Reid, the worst performing majority leader of the Senate in decades.

> Ned J. Hart Northville

# The rich should vote for Mitt

I grew up in a small, twobedroom house in a working class suburb of Detroit. Over the years, I worked hard, paid my own way to college, and I now live in a home in Northville that I would have only dreamed of years ago. Northville is a fairly affluent suburb. I would only say to the people of Northville, "You are not in Kansas anymore." You are the rich that will be paying for the entitlements and large increase in welfare payments that are being doled out by President Obama. I encourage you to think about this and give your vote to Mitt Romney.

Voters would be best served by electing Mindy Herrmann, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath and Fred Shadko when they head to the polls next week.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising

## **Steven A. Siman** Northville Township

Collective bargaining important

As a former early childhood educator, in spite of what Mitt Romney says, I can tell you class size matters. Collective bargaining is the process teachers use to negotiate for smaller class sizes. It made a difference whether or not I had 30 kindergarten students in my classroom or 22. My ability to meet the individual needs of my students increased with lower class sizes.

Teachers are required by law to undertake ongoing training throughout their career. The collective bargaining process helps teachers get the time to meet this mandate and to ensure that the individual teacher has a voice in selecting the content of the training Karen B. Zyczynski

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# Vote Hoekstra

Recent polls show Debbie Stabenow ahead in the race for the U.S. Senate. Some pundits have even extolled her and her recent sponsorship of a minor farm aid bill, and all but anointed her queen. The truth is, Stabenow has been in the Senate for 12 years and has accomplished very little for the state. Michigan has been a donor state for all of her years; sending more tax dollars to Washington than we receive in grants; money we should have realized if a more concerted effort been put forth. And during her tenure, she consistently voted for every spending bill before the Senate, including the budget-breaking "Obamacare" bill and the ill-conceived economic recovery act, making her the most liberal senator.

Her portrayal as a grandmo-

It will be in your best interest. I can only say that Romney has my vote.

> Carol Maynard Northville

# Stage is too low

I commend the city planners led by Mayor Johnson for the remaking of the town square but our redesigned square has a major flaw — the stage is too low to comfortably watch and enjoy the musical performances. It is a chore to clearly see the bands performing; the audience has to view the heads of the spectators in front of them and try to find a sight alley to get a clear view of the stage. In every way from the landscaping, to its increased spaciousness and the beautiful fountain the new town square is a solid improvement, but many folks like myself wish for the wooden stage of the old square that was prominently elevated so that the music experience could be easily enjoyed. I hope that the creative minds that redesigned the square can devise a solution to elevate the current stage to remedy a glaring impediment to enjoying the fine musical lineup that is provided throughout the summer.

> Tim Reitman Northville

# **OUR VIEWS**

# Prop 1: Vote yes on EM

If you're bleeding so profusely that you can't stop it, you'd hope that someone would get you to the emergency room so doctors could save your life. Similarly, on a much larger scale, there are cities and school districts losing so much cash that they need an emergency manager to save them from insolvency.

Michigan has a law, the currently-suspended Public Act 4 of 2011, which allows the governor to appoint such a financial expert - and he has in Allen Park, Benton Harbor, Flint, Three Oaks, Stevensville, Detroit, Ecorse and Pontiac. Many of those are returning to local governance.

The law is an unlikable last resort that defies our democratic process. but it's a mechanism that forces correcting problems that local officials can't (or won't). There are now designated red flags in place that start an early dialogue between struggling local units and the state to curtail financial collapse.

Plain and simple – without the law, these troubled school districts and local governments could go bankrupt, causing a ripple effect that would eventually hurt all taxpayers in this state.

Unfortunately, voting no on this proposal will only avoid addressing many of the true causes of these financial woes - unaffordable legacy costs, contracts and unrealistic budgets. Those problems won't go away on their own for those who continue to spend more than they take in.

Vote yes on Proposal 1 on Tuesday to make accountability mandatory.

# Retain Schoolcraft incumbents

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees has done a good job of managing its budget, expanding programs and keeping tuition at affordable levels.

The board's current makeup includes varied ages, genders and is representative of most areas of the college taxing area which includes the school districts of Garden City, Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

Incumbents Douglas Adams of Canton and Eric Stempien of Livonia are seeking six-year terms while Livonia resident John Elkins is running for the four-year term.

Adams, Stempien and Elkins are part of a successful board. They have acted responsibly and always in the best interest of the college. They merit election on Nov. 6.

The college has kept pace with the changing marketplace, offering certificate and degrees programs to meet the needs of a global economy. A lot of that progress can be attributed to the vision of Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress. The current board, however, earns high marks for letting the administration work its plan. The current board does what it was elected to do — set policy and standards, connect with community and act as advocates for the college. They have been a cohesive, thoughtful team always doing what is best for the college.

This is a nonpartisan race, so voters are urged to make sure they locate the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race on what is a lengthy ballot for western Wayne County residents.

# **Reject county ballot proposals**

Local voters have a lot to decide on Nov. 6. Adding to the unusually lengthy ballot are five Wayne County charter amendments.

The proposals deal with removal of the county executive, pension board expansion and auditing guidelines. In addition, another proposal would give the commission rather than the executive authority to establish the form of the budget including a line-item veto. Another proposal gives the commission authority to approve all appointee compensation.

While some of the proposals have merit, they were rushed on to ballot in response to the budget scandals in the Ficano administration.

Supporters say the amendments offer increased oversight of county government and are necessary to control spending but opponents question the commission's motivation and whether some could sustain a legal challenge.

For example, one of the proposals calls for removal of the county executive by the governor. Current state law, however, doesn't allow for such a process. We believe that any change in state law should apply to all countv executives.

While the commission may need more oversight, chances are that several of these ballot proposals will not stand up to an expected and an extended legal challenge.

The commission needs to refine it requests, hold public hearings and put proposals before voters that have been well researched and well crafted.

Until that occurs, votes should reject the five proposals on the Nov. 6 ballot.

# Cooper as prosecutor our choice

The Oakland County prosecutor's race boils down to courtroom

experience: Jessica Cooper has it, while Mike Bishop does not.

We recommend Jessica Cooper for Oakland County prosecutor on Nov. 6. Cooper, who spent 28 years on

the bench, is seeking re-election for a second fouryear term. Bishop, a former state lawmaker who spent 12 years in Lansing, is seeking his first coun-

Cooper

ty office. It's a partisan race — Cooper's the Democrat and Bishop's the Republican. But since both candidates believe the office of county prosecutor should be nonpartisan, party politics should not come into play here.

Cooper, 66, of Beverly Hills has drawn all her professional experience from the courtroom. Her first political victory came in 1978 against an incumbent judge in Southfield's 46th District Court. She then served multiple terms on the Oakland County Circuit Court and Michigan Court of Appeals.

Cooper has demonstrated she can run an effective prosecutor's office. She also has the endorsement of numerous local police agencies. With those factors in mind, we recommend Jessica Cooper for Oakland County prosecutor.





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# OPINION

# Ramsey, Cox, Morrow best for circuit court

Local voters face a lengthy ballot on Tuesday so many voters will opt to vote a straight party ticket. If you are one of them don't pass up the opportunity to elect three highly qualified candidates to the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Court races often attract the best and the brightest and this race is no exception. Six lawyers are vying for three non-incumbent open seats on the court. Many have strong and varied records of achievement.

However, three who standout are Kelly Ann Ramsey of Livonia, KevIn Cox of Livonia and Brlan Morrow of Northville. All three have exceptional life and legal experience, which we believe sets them apart from the other candidates. The new judges will likely to be assigned either to the family law or criminal divisions on the circuit bench so experience is important.

Judicial races are often a name game. That's not the way to elect qualified judges to the bench.

The Wayne County Circuit Court needs qualified, experienced and hard-working judges. It is a busy court handling criminal cases, complex



civil cases and family issues.

Cox

We interviewed the candidates, reviewed their backgrounds and examined their questionnaires and accomplishments. The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association rated each "well qualified."

Ramsey, a Livonia resident, is a veteran hearing officer in the Family Division-Juvenile Section in



Morrow

Wayne County. Prior to that she served for five years as an assistant Wayne County Prosecutor with that office's Child Abuse Unit.

Ramsey has championed the causes of children in the juvenile justice system by prosecuting those who have neglected or abused children. A smart, hard-working attorney, she is also a community leader who will make a strong addition to the circuit court bench. The daughter of a Detroit police officer, Ramsey has seen how judgments rendered in court impact lives.

Cox is currently an assistant attorney in the state attorney general's office. Before that, he worked for more than 25 years handling a variety of civil and criminal trials, including trying 30 cases to verdict. His courtroom experience will serve him well as a trial judge.

A Livonia resident, Cox has a strong work ethic. His varied and extensive experience, along with his temperament, make him an outstanding candidate for the bench.

Morrow, deputy chief of the juvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, supervises 20 assistant prosecutors handling juvenile offenders. The Northville resident is one of the founders of the prosecutor's teen court program, in which nonviolent firsttime offenders have their cases heard by their peers, under the guidance of an assistant prosecutor.

Morrow has more than 26 years of experience as a practicing attorney and has handled hundreds of cases, both civil and criminal. He has litigated cases involving complex environmental issues and prosecuted capital cases such as murder, rape and armed robbery.

Morrow's commitment to the Wayne County community doesn't stop after work hours. He is a long-time volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in Detroit, created a law library for students at Denby High School and funds a scholarship for inner-city students. He will make an outstanding judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

On Nov. 6, make a difference on the Wayne County Circuit Court by casting votes for Kelly Ann Ramsey, Kevin Cox and Brian Morrow.

# 'No' on Props 2-6

Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strong-arm the changes and amend the state constitution by voting "no" on Proposals 2-6.

**Proposal 2** forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government. Proposal 3 does not address how realistic it would be to require utilities get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. Proposal 4 would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. **Proposal 5** would require a vote of the people to approve new taxes, something we already have (Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment). **Proposal 6**, clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada, wrongly calls for a statewide vote of the people for any bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built.



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# Late Northville resident posthumously donates \$100,000 to Community Center

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

online at hometownlife.com

One longtime Northville resident sure did know how to thank the community for its welcoming kindness.

Before she passed away earlier this year, Northville resident Vageehe Steele told her family that the Community/ Senior Center on Main Street was very welcoming to her, so she wanted help it. In her memory, Steele's family gave the center a generous donation of \$100,000 to help with senior services.

"Doing something for the community was important to her," said her niece Hedye Cassar. Originally from Iran,

Steele had lived in Roch-

ester Hills. However, she moved Northville to be close to her niece and her family. Cassar said Steele connected with the Northville community during her first visits to the Community Center and library.

"She would have loved to have done it herself," said Cassar of the donation. "She would come here and talk to people and have coffee. She liked to socialize."

And that's what she did at the center, where officials expect to name the main banquet room in her honor. The staff at the center, as well as other Northville city and township officials, were very thankful for the posthumous help this gift will bring to this important community service. "This is a nice surprise and we're overwhelmed by the generosity," said Community Center director Suzie Johnson. "It will really enhance our senior services and programs."

Cassar described her aunt as a kind-hearted woman. Steele had written and published two books about her experience in coming from Iran to the United States. She was also a nurse anesthetist, who Cassar said was a "penny pincher."

"But she gave it all way," said Cassar of her aunt's generosity.

Steele also gave to the Arthritis Foundation and other charities.

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The Cassar family, on behalf of Hedye Cassar's aunt Vageehe Steele, presented the Northville Community/Senior Center with a \$100,000 donation to go toward helping senior services in Northville. Steele passed away earlier this year and was a big fan of the community center. From left are Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, Community Center director Suzie Johnson, Senior Advisory Commission members Symantha Heath and Richard Brown, Ron and Hedye Cassar with their children, Lauren and Quinn, Parks/Recreation director Jason Spiller, Senior Commission member Jerry Mittman and Mayor Chris Johnson.

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# **Residents 'Make a Difference'**

Northville residents (from left) Katie Childers, 15, sophomore at Northville High, Chris Henning, Sara Henning, 15, a sophomore at Mercy High and Jeff Henning joined nearly 60 other volunteers Saturday to mark the 22nd Make A Difference Day, a national day of community service. Childers and the Henning family raked leaves for nearly four hours at two parks in Redford Township. The local Make a Difference project was organized by O&E Media in cooperation with the Redford Jaycees and Redford Leisure Services. The volunteers were part of an estimated 3 million volunteers who joined in helping communities in a variety of ways. Make A Difference Day was created by Gannett's USA WEEKEND Magazine and is held in partnership with Points of Light on the fourth Saturday of October.

# Top California wines to be featured at wine tasting benefit

Tickets still remain for the Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction in Livonia, sponsored by Community Opportunity Center, to be held Friday, Nov. 9.

Organizers have just learned that a high-end winery from California, the Korbin Kameron Vineyards, will join others to offer the top, most popular California wines for sampling by guests.

Korbin Kameron operates a 180-acre vineyards on Mount Veeder in California's Sonoma Valley where its estate grown wines are enjoyed wine enthusiasts worldwide.

More than 100 international wines from all over the world, ranging in price from \$10 to \$150 a bottle, can be sampled at the festivity that will benefit Community Opportunity Center (COC), which provides housing and supportive services to people with developmental disabilities in western Wayne County.

The Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction, sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia on behalf of COC, will be held from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the Aspen Room of Laurel Manor on the north service drive west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

There will be 10 vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, available for sampling throughout the event which also includes a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres in addition to wine tasting. Tickets at \$65 per person or \$120 per couple may be reserved by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525.

Credit cards will be accepted the night of the event to pay for live and silent auction items.

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# Providence Hospital named a top 50 cardiovascular hospital for the 11th time.

One of the country's leading cardiovascular hospitals is right here in Southeastern Michigan. Providence Hospital is also one of just 15 hospitals in the nation to be recognized in its category\* for providing a higher level of care. No other hospital in the country within our category has been recognized more times than Providence. That means heart patients at Providence Hospital experience significantly better outcomes of care. So if you or someone you love has a heart problem, you can take comfort in knowing that one of the best cardiovascular hospitals in the country is close by. Find out more about heart care at Providence Hospital, visit stjohnprovidence.org.

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# Library Board member sought

The Northville District Library Board of Trustees has a vacancy. The library is seeking applicants to fill the remaining two years of a four-year term due to the vacancy. Position information and description are available at the library. Please contact Julie Herrin, library director, by Nov. 12 if you are interested, by calling (248) 349-3020 or email her at jherrin@northvillelibrary.org.

# Northville **Garden Club**

The Northville Garden Club will host a pine cone and bow workshop at the Cady Inn at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 5. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn their wreaths. Guests are welcome. For more information call Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.

# **Picks & Sticks** to play

After playing to standing room only audiences at the Northville Dis-



trict Library the past three years, the four-member Picks & Sticks string band will play a return engagement on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Community Center next to the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. The venue has been changed to accommodate the band's growing following. Picks & Sticks String

band presents a kaleidoscopic style, a mixture of acoustical folk, swing, traditional, light, pop, western, jazz, and ethnic tunes certain to captivate audiences of all ages and genres. The band features the hammered dulcimer with vocals and backed up by guitar, banjo, bass, fiddle, and variously by tuba, accordion, flute, bagpipes, and bells.

Picks & Sticks has recorded several CDs and has performed at such venues as Greenfield Village, Northville's Victorian Festival. Detroit's Fine Arts Festival and in Branson. Mo.

The concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free. However, seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling the library at (248) 349-3020.

# **Lighted Parade** entries

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the annual Holiday Lighted Parade, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 16. The 2012 Parade theme is "It's a Wonderful Northville!" and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers are welcome to perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season in downtown Northville.

Applications are available on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.northville.org.



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# Halloween crafts

Luke Topolski, 4, works with his babysitter Liliana Nostray during an Oct. 23 Northville District Library Halloween crafts session. Kids got a chance to make some scary seasonal settings using bits of pasta and colored paper.

The Holiday Lighted Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. If your group would like to be a part of this annual tradition, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

# Women's health program

The Northville Historical Society will present "Fainting Couches and Physical Fitness" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15 at Mill Race Historic Village, 215 Griswold in Northville.

This program will discuss changes in lifestyle that affected women's health in the 19th Century. Were women really as fragile as we are told? How many women were really dying in childbirth? How many stereotypes

actually hold true? What did urban living and clothing have to do with a woman's health? This discussion will address what kind of changes were made. It delves into clothing, exercise and psychology. It considers the rise of dress reform, physical exercise programs, etc. in bolstering women's health.

Learn the truth behind the myths from Susan Nenadic, who specializes in women's history. She teaches women's history for non-credit programs at Wayne County Community College, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She's a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), where she began a study group

on women's history. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted. For more information contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville. org

# Garden club meeting

The Northville & Novi Garden Club will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady in Northville. Trevor Newman will present "Edible Landscaping." Socializing begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Beverly Raub at (248) 449-4579.

# Northville Women's Club

The Northville Women's Club will hold its next meeting at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. The subject of the meeting will be "36 Years of Adventure on the Detroit Police Force" presented by chairperson Patricia Doyle. The meeting is also a guest day, so members are invited to bring friends to the meeting. For more information, call Virginia Martin at (248) 921-6892.

# Chlldren's Christmas workshop

Northville Historical Society's 34th Annual Children's Christmas Workshop will take place Saturday, Dec. 1 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village.

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old fashioned, handmade gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m.

to noon and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total.

Enrollment is \$20 per child. Payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

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You can register with a group of friends for a table of eight, develop your own theme, arrive to set up the table from 3-4 p.m., and maybe win a prize for the bestdesigned table. You can also register individually or in smaller groups and join a themed table already set up.

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# **SPORTS**

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The Mustangs girls and boys cross country teams earned the opportunity to compete in the state tournament at the Michigan international Speedway in Brooklyn this Saturday,

# A strong state finals tradition

Class of 2012 will run where great Mustangs have trod before

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

2011

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When the Northville Mustangs girls' and boys' cross country teams take to the race course at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn this Saturday, they'll be running in the footsteps of many great Northville harriers who have come and gone.

There has been a tra-

# **TOP INDIVIDUAL MUSTANG FINISHERS BY YEAR SINCE 2000 Boys**

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	Dan Sims	11th
)	Chad Cini	61st
)	Frank Griffiths	28th
}	Frank Griffiths	53rd
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	Tim Dalton	23rd
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In 2010 she was 98th overall and in 2009 she finished 112th.

For the boys' team, this year's top harriers were last year's, too. Dan Sims finished in 11th last season with a time of 15:48.1 and Nick Noles finished in 29th in 16:01.3. They ran as individuals with Edward Clifton, who now runs for Michigan State, as they did not make the trek as a full team out of

# STATE **FINALS** BOUND

Northville girls take second at regional, head to MIS

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

Making the trip to the state finals is starting to be old hat for the Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team and their coach, Nancy Smith. The squad earned a trip to Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway for the MHSAA state finals after taking second place at the regional tournament last weekend. This marks the fourth consecutive season the Mustangs girls have made the trek to the championship race.

The squad finished with 68 total points and with every runner in the top 25. Birmingham Seaholm,

# **ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team will run in the MHSAA state finals at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.

one of the top-ranked teams in the state, had all seven runners finish in the top 11 and took first place overall with just 29 points. Taking third was Waterford Mott, which had 91 points. The top three teams at the regional tournament automatically advance to the state finals.

Please see GIRLS XC, B3

# Northville boys earn first trip to state finals since 2007

dition of quality cross country at Northville over the years, though the 2012 season marks the first time that both the full girls' and the full boys' teams have made the trek together in the same vear.

While no one can guess where the chips will fall, Northville girls coach Nancy Smith said her team will be shooting for the top five in Division I.

"It takes a team of talented runners with state meet experience as they shoot for a top-five performance," she said.

And she would know. The best finish since 2000 for any Northville Mustangs team was fourth place in 2010 when the girls' squad ran with the best of the best. What's interesting about that team is that four of this year's state finals run2001 No Participant 2000 Brian Bilyk 56th Girls Rachel Coleman 2011 41st 2010 Nicole Mosteller 21st 2009 Gina McNamara 43rd 2008 No Participant Jenny Murphy 2007 122nd 2006 Mary Sprader 37th 2005 Bryn Smetana 81st 2004 Kate McClymont 63rd No Participant 2003 2002 **Devon Rupley** 87th 2001 **Devon Rupley** 13th No Participant 2000

ners were on that squad, led by Nicole Mosteller as she ran to 21st overall in 18:50.4. She was joined by Rachel Coleman, Erin Zimmer and Erin Dunne that year.

Since 2000, the girls' team has also had an eight-place finish in 2011, a 15th-place finish in 2001, a 21st-place finish

in 2009 and a 27th-place finish in 2006.

Out of those top finishes, Dunne, who is a senior this year, ran on the 2009, 2010 and 2011 teams and will finish her career with her fourth running at the state finals on Saturday. Her best finish so far has been 57th place in 2011.

the regional tournament. The last time the Northville boys made the state finals as a team was 2007 when they finished ninth overall, led by Jon Zurek as he ran to 35th place with a time of 16:18.1.

Since 2000, Sims has been the highest boys' finisher with his 11th place showing in 2011 and Tim Dalton was the fastest, running a 15:39.2 for 23rd place in 2003. For the girls', the fastest race has been run by Mosteller in 2010 with a 19.50.4, which was good for 21st, while Devon Rupley was the highest finisher with a 13th-place showing in 2001 with a time of 19:02.

#### Sam Eggleston is a

freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

What's the definition of a great season? For the Northville boys' cross country team, it's one that has every member of the team working hard, turning in their best times of their careers and trying their best each and every meet.

A trip to the state finals as a team for the first time since 2007? That's just the sweet, sweet icing on the cake.

The Mustangs, led by coach Chris Cronin, took second place at the regional tournament last weekend, finishing with

# **ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team will run in the state finals starting at 2 p.m. at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Saturday.

84 points, to earn a trip to Brooklyn and the Michigan International Speedway for the state finals race. Taking first was Waterford Mott, which finished with an impressive 28 points, while Walled Lake Northern took third with 87 points.

#### Please see BOYS XC, B3

# Tankers take top spot in division meet

# Mustangs have strong swims to take first place

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team had to bring their best swims of the season to the KLAA Central Division meet last week, but the effort definitely paid off.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, captured the division title with a victory over their foes as they took the top spot while South Lyon took second, followed by Salem in third, Novi in fourth and Stevenson in fifth place.

"This was a great meet for us," said McNeff. "There was a lot of dropped time and a lot of happy

# **ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they compete in the KLAA meet Friday and Saturday.

swimmers after their races. For most of the team, this was their final race so to end it on a good note is what we train for all year. I am very proud of these swimmers and for how hard they worked all year. It takes a lot to do what they do, knowing that they won't be scoring points for us, but they still just want to be better and train hard."

Starting the night off was the 200 medley relay, which the Mustangs captured eighth place in with the team of Darby Mroz, Sarah Lohman, Brittany Nayh and Shilpi Sharma while the team of

Madison Schulz, Lauren Jarzembowski, Chandler Hilton and Elizabeth Hetu took ninth.

In the 200 freestyle, Lia Nagata captured second place--earning herself a state qualifying time--while Alissa Moore took third, Grace LaFreniere took fifth, Emily Butler took eighth and Maeve Nichols finished ninth. Northville continued its success in the 200 individual medley as Mroz took second place, Megan Conner took seven and Maria Gutowski took 10th while Briana Schoenek took a fifth in the 50 free to help keep her team in the lead.

In the diving event, Andrea Meister took second place overall while Claire Ostrowski took 13th and Erin Aquinto finished 14th while Schoenek and Moore took fifth and seventh, respectively, in the 100 butterfly.

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Mustang Clare Ostrowski dives at the Oct. **26 KLAA** championships.

# 1967 tennis team turned in stellar performance

# Squad finished third in state finals

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Jim Long isn't typically the kind of guy who writes into the local newspaper with a correction. In fact, if anything, his only communication is to help flesh out ideas and to contrib-

ute to articles. But when Long read that the fourth-place finish by the 2012 Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team was the best in school history, it just didn't sit right.

"As I read the article in last week's Northville Record regarding how well the Northville High School tennis team did, a comment by Coach



(Matt) Stetson caught my attention and jarred my memory bank, which is no easy task," wrote Long in an email. The comment was regarding the fourth-place finish being the best state finals finish in school history.

Long, it just so happens, has first-hand knowledge that tells a different story--and an old Northville Record article to prove it--a keepsake his mother had kept and that Long had found after she passed away.

In 1967, the article informed, the Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team finished third in the Class B state finals. Back then, schools weren't divided into divisions and Northville's enrollment wasn't large enough to put them in the highest class in the MHSAA. There were no separate brackets for each flight, either, as all singles players played in one tournament and all doubles teams played in another to determine the champions.

"Northville, which scored 4 points, was beaten out by Sturgis with 8 points and Rockford with 6," the article reads of the finals, which were held annually in Kalamazoo. "Three boys carried the Northville banner into the state finals. Playing in the singles, Jim Long reached the semi-finals, and the doubles team of



STATE FINALISTS - Randy Burnett (left) and Jim Long are two reasons why Northville finished hird is the class 5 state. hennis finals last week. The third is Ken Booiger, missing here, who teomed up with Burnett in the doubles. They dropped only three matches all year loog, as did Long in the singles.

This photo appeared in the Record in 1967, the year the Mustangs tennis team finished its best ever – third in the state.

Randy Burnett and Ken Boerger got as far as the quarter finals."

The article goes on to state that Long, who was a senior, defeated two opponents with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Fremont's Todd Kraai and a 6-4, 6-3 win over Glenn Beier from St. Clair before meeting up with Artie Tetzlaff of Rockford and falling, 6-2, 6-0. Tetzlaff went on to win the singles crown.

"The guy was tough," said the late Dick Norton, the Northville coach at the time, to the newspaper. "No getting around it." The duo of Boerger

and Burnett, who were

juniors at the time, had a first-round bye and then won a match over Steve Dontje and Pat Hillard of Cadillac, losing the first game, 6-3, before winning the final two, 6-3 and 6-4. They then fell to Scoop Blain and Pete Peerbolte of Sturgis, who won 6-0, 6-2.

"And the rest they say is 'history," said Long. "Hey, got to let an old timer stick up for his team and the Class of '67."

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# SWIM

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The Mustangs had an outstanding showing in the 100 freestyle, led by Butler, Jarzembowski and Nichols as they took the top three spots in that order. Riley Bruen finished fifth in the event, followed by Sarah Cullen in sixth and Shelby Mroz in ninth. In the 500 freestyle, Northville had a first and second from Catherine Cui--who qualified for the state finals--and LaFreniere, respectively, while Jessica Yan captured sixth and Emily Ifversen took 10th.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the team of Schoenek, Butler, Nagata and Cui finished in third,



The night ended with a first-place showing by the 400 freestyle relay team of Schoenek, Butler, Nagata and Cui while the team of LaFreniere, Darby Mroz, Nichols and Bruen took third.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville Mustang Erin Aquinto dives on Oct. 26 at the KLAA championships.



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DENNIS BARNES CC's Anthony Darkangelo slices through the Hartland defense en route to a 21-15 Shamrock victory.

# Detroit Catholic Central survives first playoff test

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

If Detroit Catholic Central senior Jon Malone likely knows his scripture and following his football team's victory over Hartland in the first round of the playoffs his favorite passage is likely Revelations 22:13.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last," reads the King James Bible.

Malone was indeed the beginning and the end in the contest against the high-scoring Eagles. He returned the opening kickoff 97 yards to put his team ahead of their playoffs foes to begin the game, and intercepted a Hartland pass to end the Eagles' hopes of a victory with time expiring in the fourth quarter.

The end was fitting, considering the Shamrocks relied on their perennially-strong defense to earn a 21-15 victory and keep their season alive.

"I thought we got a great effort from our entire defense as a unit," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "For our team to hold such a potent

# **ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back in action when they hit the road against Walled Lake Northern tomorrow at 7 p.m.

came in Hartland's two final bids for a score in the fourth quarter. Trailing 21-8, the Eagles scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Stephen Milarch to Anthony Villar on the second play of the fourth quarter. The extra point by Alec Bain made it a 21-15 game.

The Shamrocks were unable to score in three ensuing attempts, but their defense held strong.

With 4:15 left in the game, an offensive pass interference penalty on the Eagles negated a touchdown pass and the following play--a second and goal from the 20yard line--the Shamrocks forced a fumble that was recovered by Marcus Rashid.

The Shamrocks moved the ball to the Hartland 18-yard line before turning it over on downs and the Eagles regained control with just over two on the following drive, scoring on a pass from Milarch to Austin Pierce for an 8-7 advantage.

But, in true Detroit Catholic Central fashion, the Shamrocks' offense began to methodically march down the field on the following possession. Leading the way was Garrett Moores, who helped put his team into position on a long run from scrimmage before David Houle rumbled across the goal line from a yard out to recapture the lead, 14-8, following an extra-point kick by Moores.

The squad came out of the locker room and added to their lead following a stop by the defense. Moores ended a 65-yard drive with a pass to Roney for a 16-yard score to make it a 21-15 game with just under six minutes left in the third quarter.

The Shamrocks are now 6-4 on the year and will play tomorrow at Walled Lake Northern, which is 8-2 and has won eight straight to earn their first playoff appearance.

"They run the option, so we know we're going to have to play assignment football," said Mach. "We are going to stress discipline and solid tackling

# **GIRLS XC**

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Leading the way for Northville was none other than Dan Sims, who ran to second-place overall with a time of 16:00.8 -just eight seconds behind regional winner Nathan Burnand of Waterford Mott. Burnand currently has the second-fastest time by a Division I cross country runner in 2012.

Sims went through the two-mile point just behind Burnand before the Waterford senior was able to pull away for the win.

"Dan makes midrace adjustments better than anyone I've ever coached," said Cronin. "That adaptability is a huge asset in big races like the region and state finals. Dan was 11th last season in D1, and this year he has continued to improve, I believe he'll be in an elite group when the race enters the infield at MIS -- and Dan matches up with anyone in the

# **BOYS XC** Continued from page B1

"(The team) put in good times and improved from the last time they raced (at the regional course) on September 29 by about 30 seconds or more per run-

ner," noted Smith. The Mustangs ran the race without their top harrier, Taleen Shahrigian, who will be back for the state finals race. That didn't stop several Northville runners from stepping up, especially the state with 1,000 meters left in a race. Saturday is going to be fun." Next in for Northville

was Nick Noles, who took 15th with a time of 16:41.9. Noles has been plagued all season by injury, though he was quick to remind the competition of just how much he likes to race.

"We needed Nick to come up big for us today, and he did," said Cronin.

Drew Kanya was 17th in the regional with a 16:48.8. It was Kanya's first regional race.

"Drew has been Mr. Consistency for this team all season," Cronin noted. "Today was no exception. He isn't flashy, and he doesn't start off fast, but Drew is a battler – he is never out of the race."

Jason Ferrante's 20thplace finish in a time of 16:50.7 is what secured the state-finals trip for the Mustangs. Any team that has four runners in the top 20 automatically earn the right to run at the finals, even if they finish outside of the automatic qualifying top-

always-reliable Rachel Coleman, who turned in a fourth-place finish with a time of 18:59 to earn All-Region honors. Also earning All-Region honors was Erin Dunne, who ran a 19:26 for 12th place. Dunne, the lone senior on the state finals team, will be making her fourth trip to the state finals this weekend.

Next in for the Mustangs was Nicole Mosteller, who ran a 19:42 for 16th place, followed closely by Alison Robinson, who ran a 19:45 to finish 17th. Erin Zimmer ran three places.

Ferrante's time was his best as a Northville Mustang, and Cronin said he will be key in Northville's hopes at the state finals race.

"If Nick, Jason and Drew can finish in that type of pack at MIS, we can realize a terrific result," he said.

Sean McCullough secured the team's second-place finish by placing 30th. Saturday will mark the first trip to MIS for the sophomore, and his coach said he'll be ready.

"Seanie has been so steady for us all season, and he negotiates 'big meet' traffic as well as anyone," said Cronin.

Jimmy Castellano, a senior, is making his first trip to MIS and Conor Naughton is the only freshman on the Northville state finals team and Cronin hopes he'll have a sub-17-minute race.

**Sam Eggleston** is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

to 20th in 19:59, followed by Hailey Harris in 21st in 20:07 and Emma Herrmann ran to 24th in 20:23.

"It was impressive that we had six runners in the top 20, which guaranteed us a state meet berth," said Smith.

The Mustangs worked as a team throughout the race, packing together from start to finish to help keep one another at their fastest pace.

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offense to 15 points in commendable.

"Hartland has some terrific offense threats, especially at quarterback and receiver. We did a nice job stopping their run game, and I thought senior Dan Bowen (defensive tackle) and junior Dylan Roney (defensive end) took the lead on that effort. Also, we got interceptions from three different defensive backs: senior Kevin Walsh, senior Jon Malone and junior Sean Birney. Turnovers were a tremendous boost for our team all night."

Two of those turnovers

minutes remaining in the game. A pass by Hartland's quarterback on the following play, however, was intercepted by Malone to shut down any hope of a scoring drive by the Eagles.

The Shamrocks scored on the opening kickoff--a 97-yard return by Malone--to begin the game with a 7-0 lead.

Hartland got on the board in the second quarter with a two-point safety when a long snap misfired over the punter's head and out of the end zone to make it a 7-2 game. The Eagles then took the lead and do our best to win one-on-one battles. That is what is so challenging about their attack-they spread their opponents out and make them defend the entire field, both horizontally and vertically, and then use all 11 guys to attack. There is no 'handoff' player-every back or receiver touching the ball for them is a threat to run, and to score."

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# Freshman Colts grab the 'Shoe' for second year in a row

In their annual cross-town rivalry, the Freshman Northville Colts defeated the Northville Stallions, 27-13, on Oct. 21 to win the 'Battle for the Shoe' for the second year in a row. The Colts were led on defense by Gavin Nafso, Shane Sandhu, Aidan MacDonald, Jake Willerer and Adam Harp. Brandon Slusser scored twice in the first half — once on a big 40-yard run around the end and the other on a pass from Nick Lauderback that ended in a fumble at the goal line that he jumped on for the touchdown. Lauderback scored on a QB keeper at the end of the first half and Jake Willerer impressed fans with a picture perfect two point conversion kick.



# NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP



**KEVIN AVENIUS** 

Ryan Siiberg (23) ups the tempo as the JV Colts beat the Chargers, 34-12.

# **JV Colts** Superbowl-bound

Third time's a charm, right? That's what the Colts JV team is thinking as they will face the Livonia Falcons for the third consecutive time in the Superbowl next week at Eastern Michigan University. But they first had to defeat a Chargers team, which had beaten them earlier this season. The Colts started on defense, and they set the tone for the entire game by pushing the Chargers deep into their own end. On a 4th down, the Chargers botched the snap out of the end zone, giving the Colts two points on the safety.

The Colts started again at midfield but quickly moved into the Chargers' red zone with big runs by Ryan Silberg and Robert Johnson. Finally scoring was Jeffrey Varner on a tough run up the middle from the 2 yard line.

On the Chargers' next possession, Chase Bellamy came up with another huge interception at midfield to give the ball back to his offense. Joey Borthwick helped get his team down to the Chargers' 35 yard line before Nicholas Prystash made three tacklers miss with some slick stop-and-goes running on his way to the end zone. Prystash added one more touchdown on yet another long run, and after the successful extra point, the Colts lead going into halftime 21-0.

winning 34-12. It proved to be a total team effort this year for the Colts. With one more

game to go, it's already been a successful season. — By Jillian Rızk

## Freshmen to play for championship

The Freshman Colts (7-1) beat the Livonia Eagles (7-1), 20-19, in the league playoff game at home this past Saturday earning them a coveted spot in the league Superbowl for the second year in a row, to be held Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Early on, Danny Sheehan brought the ball into touchdown territory with a strong 35 yard run and then Nick Lauderback sealed the deal with a long, high pass to Brandon Slusser in the end zone caught despite heavy Eagles' coverage.

Colts' defensive players' Adam Harp, Gavin Nafso and Aidan Mac-Donald were hard hitters and Lauderback had a key stop early on to prevent an Eagles' touchdown. Just before the end of the half, Shane Sandhu had a big tackle causing the Eagles to turn over on downs at the Colts' 30 yard line. The Colts weren't able to score on the next drive but the fourth down punt by Lauderback sailed the ball deep into the Eagles' territory at the end of the 1st half. The first minute of the 2nd half showcased Sheehan and Danny Logan carrying the ball, with Sheehan scoring and Lauderback earning the extra point. On ensuing plays, both Harp and Andrew Hayek came up with key stops, causing the Eagles to turnover on downs. Early in the 4th quarter, Lauderback pulled the Colts ahead with a 70yard run on a quarterback keeper. The extra point was made with a fake kick ending in a surprise hand-off to Slusser. The Eagles responded with a huge touchdown run but Ayden Oliver and Hayek prevented the extra point and the final score was 20-19. - By Amber Slusser

# **Sidewinder champs**

Bottle A

The Motor City Madness 12U Red softball team won the NSA Sidewinder Fall Shootout Tournament. The girls closed out the championship with back-to-back walk-off wins this past weekend. Pictured (I to r, top row) are Dayton White, Megan Medendorp, Lizzie Kemp, Jaime Gustitus, Allison Purtell, Madison Rosiewicz; (front) Maria Gustitus, Caroline Miller, Ashley Wilson and Jenna Taylor. Not pictured is Molly Padrock).



Despite the Char-

gers scoring twice in the second half, the Colts' offense and defense was too strong. Isaiah Gash and Brennan VanRiper dominated the run game and Jacob Weiskopf and Alex VanNocker found themselves gaining key blocks to allow for several long pickups. Adding to the defensive stops were Jackson Weedmark and Mick Farrell. Also stepping up on defense by chasing down an end zone-bound Charger was Ben Shuart. Zacharv Shoemaker was in the Chargers' quarterback's face all game, getting a couple sacks and disrupting many pass attempts. The Colts scored twice more, also, ultimately



Freshman Colt Danny Sheehan runs for a touchdown against Livonia Eagies.

# NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

# **Boys hoop** tryouts

Northville sixth grade boys travel basketball tryouts will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and 7:30-9 p.m. Nov. 5 at Get Skillz Basketball (18000

Newburg Road in Livonia).

The tryouts are open to players living within the Northville school district. There is a \$5 tryout fee. Please email amy kearis@ comcast.net for further information.

# NORTHVILLE STALLIONS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

# Varsity drops finale to Novi

A valiant effort by the Northville Stallions Varsity squad was not enough to keep its WLJFL Superbowl hopes alive against a tough Novi Bobcats team on Oct. 27. A strong rushing attack led Novi to a 35-16 victory, ending the Stallions' season on a sour note.

Despite the eventual outcome, the Stallions quickly struck first. On the first play from scrimmage following the opening kickoff, Brennon Pelland carried the ball 85 yards down to the Novi 2 yard line. Shane Rankin punched the ball into the endzone two plays later, and with Jake Moody's successful PAT kick, the Stallions jumped out to an 8-0 lead. Although Jonathan Michalak's recovery of the subsequent onside kickoff would continue the Stallions' early momentum, the Bobcats controlled the 1st half

action from that point on, scoring four unanswered touchdowns to give them a commanding 28-8 lead at halftime.

The 2nd half saw the Stallions continuing to battle despite the scoreboard. Strong blocking by Stallions Alex Ajlouny, Rami Al-Awadi, Jordan Grewe, Joseph Minghine, and others contributed to a second Rankin touchdown run and Moody PAT kick late in the 3rd quarter, cutting the Novi lead to 28-16. The Stallions' defense and special teams also hung tough, with notable efforts including a Tyler Troyer forced fumble recovered by Michalak, a Troyer blocked punt, and strong defensive plays by Jaquan Crawford, Jack DeBrabander, Spencer Ishaq, Nolan Ouellette, Ben Schmidt, and others. The deficit from the 1st half would be too much for the Stallions to overcome however, with a late 4th quarter Bobcats'

touchdown securing a 35-16 Novi victory.

Although ending in disappointing fashion, the Stallions can take pride in a successful season, finishing with a winning 5-3 regular season record and being just one victory away from clinching a WLJFL Superbowl berth. — By Chad Moody

# JV squad wins playoff game

The JV Stallions capped off their 2012 season with a 22-12 victory over the Garden City Cougars Sunday afternoon in Garden City. Despite a strong wind and chilling temperatures, the Stallions did not let it damper their playoff game. The Stallions' cheerleaders of Jordin Rickard, Elena Lenvo. Hannah Lauren, and Olivia Ignash brought enthusiasm and cheers to the crowd.

sive drive of the game. After the score, the Stallions defense led by Alex Karma. Saaz Mahlotra. and Robert Reynolds caged the Cougars up. At the end of the first quarter, the Cougars led the Stallions 6-0.

After a punt by the Stallions to start the second quarter, the Stallions defense drove the Cougars backwards with consecutive tackles for losses by Malhotra, Enzo Rodriguez, and Kevin Townsend. On 4th down, Dominick Martin blocked the Cougar punt, which was recovered by Malhotra on the 16-yard line. The Stallions offense used their ground game to move the ball into the end zone when Karam scored on a 6-yard touchdown burst. With the extra point kick by Grant Hood, the Stallions led

8-6. The next defensive tering tackles for losses. After holding the Cougars on 4th down, the Stallions offense took over and came out in a wishbone offense featuring Joey Bahu, Parker Dietrich, and Malhotra in the backfield. The Stallion offense moved the ball down the field and scored their 2nd touchdown of the day when Jack Pevovar ran 17 yards into the end zone making it 14-6 after the extra point run was no good. The defenses held the remainder of the 2nd quarter and the score at halftime was 14-6 Stallions.

The Cougars received the ball to start the 3rd

quarter and moved the ball down the field and into the end zone. The extra point was no good, and the Stallions led 14-12. On the ensuing kickoff, Enzo Rodriguez received the kickoff and ran the ball 65 yards into the end zone. Hood's extra point kick made it 22-12 Stallions.

The 4th quarter was dominated by the defenses. The Stallions got strong play from John Hamilton, Jack Story, Mitch DeGroff, Jack Rathwell, Dietrich, Malhotra, and Pevovar in dominating the Cougars offense.

Detroit:

- By Tim Morrisey



Varsity Stallion Jonathan Michalak drops back to pass, with blocking by Connor McKee (40), Rami Alawadi (30) and Jordan Grewe (right).





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# BUSINESS



# **Revamped McDonald's opens**

From left, Bill Marshall, of McDonald's; store owner Teresa Mullins; store manager Michael Winagar, longtime employee Linda Marshall, longtime store employee Karla Cole, Northville Township Trustee Marjorie Banner, and Michael Staley, store operations, cut the ribbon Friday at the McDonald's restaurant located at 39555 Six Mile Road in Northville. The store



recently reopened its doors after undergoing a major redesign to the interior and exterior of the building. The grand re-opening ceremony held Friday included food discounts, and a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. As part of the grand re-opening, menu board specials for customers will be offered through November. On Monday, Nov. 19, Ronald McDonald will make a special appearance from 5-7 p.m. For more information, visit www.mcdonalds.com, or follow McDonald's on Twitter and Facebook.



# Local chiropractor offers advice to fight back pain

At the request of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors, Gov. Rick Snyder declared October "Spinal Healthcare Month" in Michigan.

In honor of Gov. Snyder's proclamation, Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Northville is working to educate the community about proper spinal health care.

"Back pain is the second most common reason for visits to a doctor's office in the United States," said Dr. Stopa. "It is estimated that 80 percent of us will suffer from back pain at some point in our lives. Even everyday activities, if not done properly, can lead to back pain. However, there are ways that this pain can be prevented."

According to Stopa, the back is a complicated structure of bones, joints, ligaments, and muscles. Sometimes, even the simplest, everyday tasks, such as picking something up from the floor, can cause back pain. Stopa, who owns Main

Street Family Chiropractic Center, along with the Michigan Association of Chiropractors and the American Chiropractic Association suggest these tips to reduce the risk of spinal injury:

• Don't lift by bending over. Instead, bend your hips and knees and then squat to pick up the object. Keep your back straight, and hold the object close to your body. • Don't twist your body

when lifting.



Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center in Northville.

• Push, rather than pull, when you must move heavy objects.

• If you must sit for long periods, such as in front of a computer monitor, take frequent breaks and stretch.

• Wear flat shoes or shoes with low heels. • Exercise regularly. An

inactive lifestyle contributes to lower-back pain. "The key to spinal

health is prevention," said Stopa. "These simple tips can make all the difference in the world in stopping low-back pain before it happens. However, when patients require chiropractic care, they will want to visit my office as soon as possible."

Main Street Family Chiropractic Center is located at 109 West Main Street in Northville. For more information, call (248) 735-9800 or visit www.drstopa.com.



# **Dr. Demray honored**

William S. Demray, founder of Northville's Preservation Dental, was named a fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International (ADI) on Sunday, Oct. 21, during a ceremony held in conjunction with the Annual Session of the American Dental Association (ADA) in San Francisco, Calif. The distinctive honor is bestowed upon dentists who have made significant contributions to the profession, to the public and the world-wide community. The ADI Board of Regents recognizes only those nominated who are truly outstanding in their fields with the Fellowship award. Demray has practiced dentistry for more than 37 years and holds licensure in the states of Michigan, Illinois and Washington and is Canadian Board Certified. He is a member of several professional organizations and the prestigious Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA), an organization promoting high standards and practices in the art and science of dentistry worldwide. Dr. Demray is an active alumnus of the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) School of Dentistry. He is also very involved in the Northville community and was named Citizen of the Year in 2011. "I am honored to be named a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International," Demray said. "My personal philosophy is to educate and treat patients in an effort to help them achieve healthy teeth and gums, and therefore overall good health. It is a privilege to provide dental care and I believe service to humankind makes one increasingly relevant. As a dentist, and now an ADI Fellow, |

# NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

# Annual cook-off raises money

The chili was cooking early with Community Financial Credit Union team members decked out in Michigan State University and University of Michigan gear recently, but it wasn't for a football game, it was to raise money and food donations.

The annual Community Financial chili cook off, on Friday, Oct. 21, raised almost \$2,000, which will be donated, along with the collected canned goods, to local food pantries.

Nine different batches of chili were served up by team members and judged by co-workers and local community leaders. Team members also showed off their preference for the Spartans or Wolverines prior to the big rivalry game scheduled for the next day.

Community Financial team members brought in non-perishable food items for the opportunity to "dress down" and donated money for the opportunity to taste and vote in the chili cook off.

"This is a chance to have some fun while helping those in need," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial marketing manager. "The weather was great, the chili was delicious, and our team members really supported this great cause — it turned out to be a per-

# fect day."

The food pantries that will receive funding from the donation are located in the communities Community Financial serves, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi, as well as Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties.

## **Book signing**

Barnes & Noble, located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville, will host a book signing from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 with local authors Cathy Clough and Linda Pouliot, Their book "GRIEV-ING FORWARD: Death Happened, Now What?" has become a resource for people grieving the death of a close loved one, and discusses the five needs of every griever plus how to deal with normal grief guilt, normal grief anger, normal grief depression and the "dumb" things that people say. Clough is the founder and executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

Both women will be on hand to sign copies of the book. Also signing his book will be Jim Bloom, author of "A Tithe of Their Own", the story of a humble couple who was led to Vietnam to minister to soldiers for seven years and found God leading them into a broader ministrv.

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# Getting to know you: Realtors mix business, pleasure



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Tony Schippa, Greater Metropolitan Association of Reaitors president, and Doug Whitehouse, a GMAR member, visit at the event.

Realtors were out in full force at an Oct. 16 "BBQ and Brew" at Lockhart's BBQ in Royal Oak.

The event was among those in which Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, current president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, is meeting new members.

"This was another one of those events," said Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer of GMAR, which was formed through the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland Coun-

These are the area residential real

Oct. 16.

The event was sponsored by the RPAC Riders Club, which raises money both for charity and the PAC.

Motorcycles were present. "The kids there had a good time having their pictures taken on the motorcycles," he said.

Aidan Cristbrook is the son of James Cristbrook, one of GMAR's members. Motorcycles were part of the fun at

The local PAC's goals that relate to the public are allowing homeowners underwater on a mortgage to keep or transfer a home. The Realtors

\$150,000

\$245,000

are also focused on extending times allowed to file for property tax relief, now twice yearly.

"For each person affected, it's saved them thousands of dollars in taxes," Smith said. The region's Realtors are also working with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority on Neighborhood Stabilization Programs efforts, he added.

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By Julie Brown

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> **By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist**

Q: The question we have for our association is whether a member can inspect another member's assessment records. Do you have a specific answer?

A: No. I think the situation depends upon the status of the delinquency. Obviously, if the matter is in litigation or a lien has been filed, these are



a matter of public record and there is no undue invasion of privacy. On the other hand, there would

have to be

**Robert Meisner** 

a proper purpose for any owner to know who is delinquent and for how much. Some may argue that each association member has the right to know who has paid assessments and who owes monies, and how much, similar to public property tax records. To the extent that members are entitled to review association books and records under the Condominium and **Non-Profit Corporation** Act, they would have a right to inspect these records. This is an issue which may be up in the air and your attorney must advise you on the best course of action.

Q: i am selling a house and my agent, who also represented the buyer, is

"It was really a nice venue,".

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About 50 members attended

39765 Lynn St

the GMAR event.

ty Association of Realtors and . Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The new association has over 3,000

new members, Smith said. "We've been putting on a series of breakfasts," Smith said, along with the Oct. 16 barbecue, also a fundraiser for the **Realtor Political Action Com**mittee.

Smith said of Lockhart's BBQ.

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 23-27, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	649 Pinehurst Dr 754 S Sheldon Rd 41938 Saratoga Cir 1636 Tradition Dr GARDEN CITY 31474 Sheridan St LIVONIA	\$310,000 \$330,000 \$131,000 \$435,000 \$93,000	34185 Richland St 31142 Schoolcraft Rd 18680 Southampton St NORTHVILLE 42373 Anchor Ct 44481 Broadmoor Blvd U \$324,000	\$130,000 \$103,000 \$80,000 \$220,000 \$62,000 nit 17	655 Ross St 1436 Sheridan St 11717 Sycamore Dr REDFORD 12843 Beech Daly Rd 9101 Fenton 18859 Fox	\$194,000 \$177,000 \$330,000 \$60,000 \$27,000 \$54,000 \$25,000
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Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

# Investors

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A: I most certainly think it would, and based on a recent case out of Delaware, the Supreme Court agreed finding that a breach of fiduciary duty by the agent elevating his own interests above those of his principal and failing to disclose that conflict created by the resell arrangement was a breach of fiduciary duty. Moreover, the fact that the agent had gotten a waiver did not shield the agent because he did not act as a dual agent, representing the buyer and seller in the same transaction. Instead, in that case, he represented two sellers in two different sales earning a second, higher commission on the second sale which likely caused him to subordinate the first seller's interests to his own. Moreover, the court said that if the owner knew of the intended resell, she could have set a higher price for the house.

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# **Choosing a nursing career is fulfilling**

If you are searching for a career that offers many opportunities, take a close look at the nursing profession. Nursing is projected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2020, as reported in the 2012 Occupational Outlook Handbook, from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The BLS attributes this expansion to technological advances and greater awareness of preventive care, in addition to the rising health care demands of the aging baby boomer population. A degree in nursing offers more options than you may think. Wendi Jakubiak, registered nurse and program administrator for Academic Affairs at Brown Mackie College - Oklahoma City, offers insight into the professional options available.

Jakubiak worked as a nurse for 25 years before becoming a certified nurse educator. "I have watched changes happen over the years. Nurses are more involved than taking vital signs, giving medications and bathing patients.

A more team-oriented approach has evolved in hospitals," says Jakubiak. "Nurses don't simply follow doctors' orders. Critical thinking skills are required. Their patient loads are bigger, and patients are more complicated now.

Idiosyncrasies occur in the care of individual patients because of varied medical histories. All members of the medical team rely on one another. "Nurses must be able to work through problems that don't have a recipe solution," Jakubiak adds. "If a life-



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threatening problem occurs, the nurse must take action within their scope of practice to save a patient. Nurses must have the ability to think on their feet and assure patient safety." Nurses often go the extra mile to help their patients.

Many people, especially the elderly, are reluctant to take a medicine prescribed by a doctor other than their regular doctor. "I often call a patient's regular doctor to explain this type of obstruction to the patient's current health care needs," Jakubiak says. "Usually a word from that trusted source will help the patient comply. "There are a lot of things a nurse can do other than work at a hospital," Jakubiak says. "Not all aspects of nursing require physical, hands-on care."

One employment option, which appeals to those who don't necessarily want to touch every patient physiager or care coordinator. This position involves managing outpatient care to make sure needs are met and health is maintained when a patient leaves a medical facility. The home health care coordinator's job is broadly based on patient education. Good health assessment skills and good nursing skills are necessary elements of care. These skills, plus teaching skills, help keep the patient as independent as possible. The care coordinator's position at an insurance company is similar to one employed by a hospital. "They work with an eye toward keeping treatment aspects in line with guidelines," says Jakubiak. "A knowledge base is essential to perform the job. One must be able to be a manager, have a broad understanding of the body and a scientific background."

Education is another option for those with a nursing

degree. A shortage of nurses, widely reported since 1998, has abated somewhat, due to a large number of nurses delaying retirement in a down economy, according to a recent report by Bloomberg. As the economy improves, another shortage of nurses is anticipated.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, enrollment in entrylevel baccalaureate nursing programs increased 5.1 percent in 2011. "I literally run into people who remember me taking care of them 20 years ago. They often stop me to say, 'Thank you,'" Jakubiak says. "The profession can be what you make it. We have the ability as nurses to show compassion and caring - on top of all the technological stuff - to impact someone's life when they are most vulnerable. This opportunity is a huge gift to make a positive impact."

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# Advertising Feature

# Chrysler Redoubles Hispanic Outreach in Ram Campaign



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Chrysler is redoubling its reach-out to Hispanic truck buyers with its new advertising campaign for Ram. And it doesn't hurt that the new 2013 Ram 1500 was just named "Truck of Texas" — a top award

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in Ram's biggest market and one where Hispanic consumers are crucial.

As part of its new "Moving Heaven and Earth" national general-market campaign around the launch of the new 1500, Ram is running a new series of TV, print and radio ads regionally in its top-volume Hispanic markets that seek to extend its successful initial effort of last year.

The campaign is a new iteration of the "A Todo, Con Todo" theme that Chrysler introduced last year and, this time around, features Juanes, a world-famous Latin musician who has sold more than 12 million albums.

"We're dialing it up a notch" from last year, in part by targeting the 17 leading U.S. metro markets for Hispanics, mostly across the South and West, compared with 15 markets last year, Fred Diaz, president and CEO of the Ram brand and of Chrysler de Mexico, told me.

Also, Ram increased the stakes by turning to Juanes, Diaz said. "He's wildly popular in South America and in Europe, and he's starting to become wildly popular in the U.S. as well." The entertainer recently gave a speech to a national society of Hispanic MBAs in Orlando "and the crowd exploded with applause," he said.

"He's also a philanthropist and just a down-to-earth guy," Diaz said. "Olivier

[Francois, Chrysler's CMO] was able to find us the perfect guy who is working incredibly well with this campaign." (Many had the same feeling after Francois personally recruited Eminem a couple of years ago to star in Chrysler's iconic "Imported From Detroit" Super Bowl ad.)

Juanes demonstrates " the type of personal conviction and dedication to doing what's right that makes [him] an authentic brand ambassador for Ram, a true representative of the idea of living 'A Todo, Con Todo,'" Diaz said in a press release.

Diaz feels intensely about Ram's Hispanic-focused campaign in part because he's a Latino who hails from San Antonio. "This has been a passion point of mine for some time," said Diaz, who was communications manager for Dodge and Ram several years ago and learned about the importance of the Hispanic market to Chrysler's pickup-truck franchise.

It's not that Ram necessarily out-indexes with Hispanic buyers versus the mainstream market, he said. But Latino customers are most prominent in many of the states that are most crucial to the pickuptruck segment. "Ram 1500 and 2500 are among our best-selling nameplates to



Juanes is the star of the first TV ad in Ram's new Hispanicfocused campaign.

Hispanic buyers," Diaz explained.

Ram sales to Hispanic customers are up 33 percent this year, Diaz said, and the brand represents 18 percent of all of Chrysler Group's sales to Hispanic buyers.

Yet, Diaz said, until recently Ram was sort of hamhanded about reaching out directly to Hispanics, he said. "We dabbled with it

a bit, and sometimes we'd get excited about it and told dealers we were going to get into it, and then as soon as budgets would get screwed down, the first thing to go was diversity marketing," he said. "But we knew it was important."

Finally last year, as Chrysler's recovery got legs and marketing resources became more available, Diaz vowed to do it right.

So in September 2011, Ram gathered Latino marketing journalists and pitched its first iteration of a new strategy, under the "A Todo, Con Todo" theme — colloquially meaning, as Diaz putit, "Give it everything you've got."

The first foray was a testimonial ad campaign in the 15 Hispanic-heavy markets that featured two Latino truck owners — "guys who



The new 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 is busting out in a new advertising effort.

legitimately use their Ram trucks day in day out for their vocation and recreation" — and recorded different takes with them speaking in English, and in Spanish.

"They had never done a stitch of acting, and it was 100 percent their words and unscripted," Diaz said. "You have to be true and right and authentic and know the cultural nuances. You can't just do a Spanish voiceover, or the Hispanic consumer will see right through it and you'll run the heavy risk of being offensive and disrespectful to the Latino population."

This year, in its expanded efforts featuring Juanes, Ram is placing ads in Spanish and English on Hispanic TV networks such as Telemundo and Univision; in national Hispanic magazines including Automundo and ESPN Deportes La Revista; and in Spanish-language local newspapers and radio stations.



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